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CPA: More United flights in July

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United Airlines will expand its flight operations to the CNMI by adding Sunday to their flight schedule starting July 2021, according to Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Christopher S. Tenorio.

This was learned during the CPA's board meeting yesterday at the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting office located at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. "Currently, United Airlines operates four times week spe-

cifically on Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. By July 2021, United Airlines will

be adding flights in and out of the CNMI bringing the total to See CPA on **Page 4**

2 new COVID-19 cases

The CNMI recorded two fresh cases of COVID-19 after two passengers tested positive for the coronavirus yesterday. This brings the islands' total COVID-19 cases to 183 cases since March 28, 2020.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. said the two individuals were identified by travel

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Rota welcomes site transformations, tourism innovation

TOGETHER, WE CAN

By MIKE SABLAN
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Mike Sablan is the vice president of Triple J Enterprises, Inc. and chairperson of the Domestic Policy and Recovery Committee of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers. As an advisory council for Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, the GCEA's mission is to improve the quality of life in the Marianas for all residents.



As Rota warmly welcomed the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers with its famous "Aluf" or hand wave, its residents and leaders also welcomed our initiatives and projects, embracing the unified movement to improve the quality of life in The Marianas.

Over the weekend, Rota saw the transformation of its youth center and basketball court, the heart of sports and community activities for residents. Through GCEA's Public Private Partnership initiative, the two sites in Sinapalo were cleaned and repainted. The bas-

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CAUTION!

The Department of Public Lands and Natural Resources is warning to public to beware of this tree located along the Beach Road Pathway north of the 13 Fishermen Monument in Garapan as it is in danger of falling. The public is advised to avoid the area marked with caution tape until the tree has been safely removed.

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IPI appeals CCC order to suspend gaming license

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REPORTER

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC caught the Commonwealth Casino Commission off guard yesterday when IPI lawyer Juan T. Lizama disclosed that IPI filed last Friday before the Superior Court an administrative appeal of the CCC board's order for

the indefinite suspension of IPI's gaming license.

That same CCC board order last April 22 directed IPI to pay \$6.6 million in total penalty within six months, and pay immediately \$15.5 million and \$3.1 million in annual casino exclusive license fee and annual casino regulatory fee, respectively.

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

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Source: Office of the Governor

AT A GLANCE

As of 7:00pm, May 27, 2021

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Initiated:	21,712
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Fully vaccinated:	268

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	8,143	11	8,154
Recovered	7,956	5	7,961
Active	43	11	54
Deaths	139	0	139
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested	164,101		

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	181	2	183
Traced via Travel Screening	145	2	147
Traced via Community Screening	36	0	36
Deaths	2	0	2
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested	26,131*		
Days since last community transmission	71		

*Total count includes the number of persons tested on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. With guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CHCC has opted not to report active and recovered cases.

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

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Bank of Saipan launches new headquarters on Beach Road, plus three new services.

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A recreational plane landed safely on a Sydney beach after its single engine failed.

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Oprah Winfrey and Prince Harry are continuing their mental health series with a virtual town hall.

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Local

Pre-filed bill would strip CNMI's top officials of subsidized housing

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Rep. Richard T. Lizama (D-Saipan) has pre-filed a bill that will remove taxpayer-funded housing for the governor, lieutenant governor, Senate president, and House speaker.

The co-authors of Lizama's House Bill 22-69 are Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), and Reps. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan), Rep. Sheila J. Babauta (D-Saipan), Rep. Vicente C. Camacho (D-Saipan), Leila Staffler (D-Saipan), and Denita K. Yangetmai (D-Saipan).



Lizama

The bill proposes to repeal a law, which became effective on Dec. 29, 1980, that provides government housing for the governor, lieutenant governor, Senate president, and House speaker.

Historically, governors and lieutenant governors of prior administrations have availed of government housing but, according to Lizama in the bill, all these government facilities are derelict, abandoned, or have been converted

to government offices.


In the absence of government housing, the Department of Finance has allowed the use of public funds to pay for utilities at the private residences of top elected officials: governors and lieutenant governors.

Lizama said there is no legal basis or public purpose justification for this taxpayer-funded payment of utilities at the private residences of these elected officials.

The lawmaker said that in the present economic downturn, as people of the Commonwealth wealth struggle to

recover from typhoon disasters and the impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the government is compelled to cut unnecessary costs and prioritize limited resources for essential needs.

"As the Commonwealth's citizens bear the burden of paying for their own housing and their own utilities, so should the Commonwealth's highest-paid government officials, and the government must live within its means," said Lizama in the bill.



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Regal cinemas back in operation

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Mount Carmel School's Theater Club played a key role in the reopening of the Regal Saipan Megaplex, premiering the student movie *Zero2Hero* on the silver screen last Friday, making it the first movie played at the cinema complex since it closed in the early part

of last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Mount Carmel School president and Theater Club adviser Galvin Deleon Guerrero, it took months of work with Regal's corporate office and Regal Saipan's Willy Santos to make the reopening and theater premiere possible.

Deleon Guerrero and the

Theater Club needed to submit a proposal to the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force that outlined mitigation protocols that the club will follow at the premiere. The task force deemed the proposal and mitigation plans adequate and approved the event.

For the business aspect of reopening Regal, much of the negotiating between Deleon Guerrero, Santos, and Regal's U.S.-based corporate repre-

sentatives involved assuring corporate that the student film was intended to showcase student talent rather than to simply turn a profit.

"We screened the original *Zero to Hero* 10 years ago at Regal, when it was called Hollywood Theaters. That was made possible by Willy Santos, who was and still is the general manager. He has always been very supportive of our program. As for the cast

and crew, making a feature-length film is hard during

ordinary times. The fact that

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FMS promotes 88 in a festive drive-thru ceremony

Eighty-eight Francisco M. Sablan Middle School are moving into the next level: ninth grade. Students Aleeza Jolia Castro and Leia Joleen Hocog Pangelinan are the school two

L. Orsini.

Pangelinan was the class salutatorian and Commissioner of Education Award recipient. She received the award from Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred B. Ada.

The NAPU award was presented to Uirom Park.

Both the leadership and MSLC awards went to Castro.

Nine subject awards were also presented during the promotion ceremony.

The mathematics, social studies, art, and Chamorro, Carolinian and Heritage Studies-Carolinian awards went to Castro.

Pangelinan received the CCLHS-Chamorro subject award.

Both Castro and Pangelinan tied for the English Language Award and PLTW subject awards.

The science subject award was presented to Andrew Ngitiyeb.

Davierrin Blas was the computer subject award recipient. (PSS)



ALEEZA JOLIA CASTRO
Valedictorian



LEIA JOLEEN HOCOG
PANGELINAN
Salutatorian

Probation sought for man in fake driver's license case

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The lawyer for a 58-year-old Chinese national who was

indicted on Nov. 24 last year for allegedly presenting a fake driver's license believes that sentencing his client to probation only is "appropriate."

In a sentencing memorandum that lawyer Steven P. Pixley filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI last May 25, he believes that imposing a sentence of probation for Mingjin Jin, who is charged with one count of conspiracy to unlawfully produce an identification document, is appropriate. Further, Pixley stated that his request "is consistent with the Amended Plea Agreement" and that the government also recommended a probation sentence for Jin in its May 21 memorandum.

Jin is scheduled to be sentenced today, May 28. Pixley states that the court "shall impose a sentence sufficient, but not greater than necessary."

The U.S. government submitted its sentencing memorandum on May 21, and is

represented in this case by assistant U.S. attorney Eric S. O'Malley.

In Pixley's May 25, 2021 memorandum, he stated that on or around Aug. 22, 2019 at 2pm federal protection inspector Sean White conducted a traffic stop on Jin near the Marina Heights Business Park. Jin provided White his vehicle registration and driver's license, and the documents were later discovered to not have been lawfully issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Jin would later be indicted for this on Nov. 24, 2020. The investigation that looked into Jin's license and registration also revealed that he did not have an immigration status.

According to Pixley, Jin lawfully entered the CNMI in 1991 as a garment worker. Currently, Jin has two minor sons who were both born on Saipan.

Info meetings on MTMNM draft plan

NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service have extended the public comment period for the draft management plan and environmental assessment for the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument. The comment period will be open for an additional 60 calendar days, to close on or about July 26. The exact comment period end date will be posted to the NOAA Fisheries website.

There will be four virtual meetings in June that will provide opportunities for anyone interested in learning more about the draft plan. NOAA Fisheries and USFWS staff will be available to answer questions. All four meetings will be held from 5:30pm to 7pm ChST. Participants can attend virtually or via phone, as follows:

■ Webex meetings password: trench

■ Tinian, June 2, <https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/noaanmfs-meets/onstage/g.php?MTID=e50b8a7805dc30183c17822b48e3913d9>

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■ Rota, June 3, <https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/noaanmfs-meets/onstage/g.php?MTID=e97db3c69cc501cf881bd6b61b0266993>

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■ Saipan, June 8, <https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/>

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■ Guam, June 10, <https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/noaanmfs-meets/onstage/g.php?MTID=ef00b670746bd088d2fd679a0478765e9>

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For information on how to join a Webex meeting, visit the Webex webpage or the Webex Help Center.

Submitting comments

Public comments on the draft management plan and environmental assessment can be submitted in two ways:

■ Online at: <https://www.regulations.gov/comment/NMFS-2021-0003-0004>

■ By mail to: Superintendent, Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, P.O. Box 8134 MOU-3, Dededo, GU 96912

All public comments must be submitted or postmarked no later than tentatively July 26, 2021. (PR)

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MCDONALD'S GRADUATES

Northern Marianas College School of Business graduates Nadyne Achas, second from left, Kyle Garcia and Beah Sebino smile as they are presented with their graduate gift by McDonald's managers Mikel Morales, far left, and Melba Camacho, far right.

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Northern Marianas College graduate Lloyd Javier smiles with McDonald's Garapan branch manager Narlou Achas

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Justin Achas, Princess Joy Galzote, and Cyrill Achas smile as they receive their graduate gift from McDonald's managers Jerica Bartolome, far left, and People Department manager Angelica Darlucio, far right.

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Marianas High School graduate Mayralyn Maras smiles with McDonald's Garapan branch manager Marcos Darlucio.

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CPA

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five times a week. These flights will be available on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday," Tenorio said.

For almost two years now and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, United Airlines has been the sole international airline regularly servicing Saipan. It was CNMI's only link to the world and currently operate flights four times a week from Guam to Saipan.

At the same board meeting, Teno-

rio also disclosed that a China-based carrier is looking to resume flights to the U.S. territory. "Beijing Capital Airlines has submitted its schedule for Winter 2021 and they intend to operate twice a week from Hangzhou, China. However, Beijing Airlines announced that their schedule is subject to change pending the approval of the Civil Aviation Administration of China and the uncertainty of the pandemic. Last May 25, Jeju Airlines had charter flights and there will be another on June 8," he added.

According to Tenorio, CPA management continues to work on various items needed at the airport in

preparation for future flights such as upgrading the entry and exit of passengers, beautification and WiFi repair and upgrade.

"Additionally, although the U.S. Centers for Disease Control has changed its guidelines on mask-wearing requirements, CPA management has confirmed with Transportation Security Administration and Federal Aviation Administration that wearing a facemask at the airport is required," he said.

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ROTA

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ketball court's concrete bleachers and youth center's parking lot that were stained were also cleaned and received a fresh coat of paint. To spruce up the facilities, Rep. Joel Camacho and Rep. Angel Demapan, their staff, and family members created a mural on one of the walls of the youth center. The mural features a man playing his ukulele and a woman performing a traditional dance, with Rota's famed Wedding Cake Mountain and blue waters serving as the backdrop.

Rota youth senator Abriette Manglona noted how the facilities now provide opportunities for them to hold sports competitions and other related events again. She thanked government leaders and fellow volunteers for extending the program to the island. Manglona, Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig, Rep. Ivan Blanco, Rep. Lee Pan Guerrero, Rep. John Paul Sablan, Rep. Patrick San Nicolas, Rep. Ralph Yumul, and Rep. Joseph Flores, Rota Sen. Donald Manglona, Sen. Vinnie Sablan, and Sen.

Frank Cruz were among the volunteers for the Rota PPP who endured hours of hard work under the searing heat.

More transformations are planned for the two sites, as the Commonwealth Ports Authority-Rota, Filipino Community of Rota, Hotel Valentino, Rota Merchandising and DK Brothers, and the Rota Mayor's Office have committed to continue their work. Other sites adopted on Rota include Airport Road, Benita Manglona Buildings, and Mendiola Park, all adopted last year. GCEA, through its Rota partners, will also look into transforming the Joaquin Mesngon Ogo Baseball Field and other important sites that residents and visitors use.

The GCEA formally brought the PPP campaign to Rota last weekend to kick off the council's first-anniversary celebration. Our council officials, led by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, also held their monthly meeting at the Rota Mayor's Office and presented to leaders of the House and Senate and residents a multi-island integrated destination study. The study was commissioned to maximize the potential of The Marianas

as a multi-island tourist destination and highlight the strengths of each island. Atalig acknowledged that the island has been exploring "return to nature" experiences for tourists even before the pandemic struck, highlighting Rota's unparalleled natural beauty and the people's warm hospitality. The study considered travel trends post-pandemic in making the recommendations for each island destination, identified opportunities for Rota to pursue sustainable, responsible, and community-based tourism that will be mutually beneficial to all three islands, and create a longstanding impact on the economy of The Marianas.

GCEA's first-anniversary celebration will continue next month, as the council heads to Tinian for a special PPP event. The council will explore more sites to adopt and transform and will be recruiting more businesses and residents to join the movement. Together, we can, one island at a time.

For more information, visit the GCEA on Facebook and Instagram (@cnmigov.economy) or contact them at gceacnmi@gmail.com.

Ex-senator Igisomar appointed DPL secretary

Former senator Sixto K. Igisomar has been appointed to serve as the secretary of the Department of Public Lands. The appointment requires the advice and consent of the Senate.

Igisomar is required to file a statement of financial interest with the Office of the Public Auditor in compliance with the law.

The DPL secretary's position has been vacant after Gov. Ralph DLG Torres appointed its chief, Marianne Concepcion-Teregeyo, to head the newly created Infrastructure and Recovery Program that is intended to streamline the close to \$1 billion worth of recovery and infrastructure projects in the CNMI. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

COVID-19

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screening and confirmed diagnosis through fifth-day testing on May 26, 2021, and testing on arrival on May 27, 2021.

The two individuals have been moved to the designated isolation area at the Kanoa Resort Alternate Care Site for close monitoring.

The CHCC Communicable Disease Investigation/Inspection team has already initiated contact tracing for the most immediate contacts of the new confirmed cases, including passengers on the same flight.

Out of the 183 total COVID-19 cases, CHCC said 147 were identified by travel screening while 36 were local transmissions—11 from community-based tracing and 16 from contact tracing.

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority, meanwhile, continues to do its part in assisting the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force with transporting of all inbound pas-

sengers traveling into Saipan to the designated quarantine facility and providing free transportation for anyone needing to get the COVID-19 vaccine. As of May 26, 2021, COTA has conducted 16,724 trips related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CHCC also announced that residents who choose to get vaccinated until June 5 have a chance to win either a one-night stay with breakfast for two persons at Kensington Hotel Saipan or two golf vouchers for 18-hole rounds at Coral Ocean Point. Names will be drawn on June 7, 2021. Go online at www.vaccinatecnmi.com or call (670)682-SHOT (7468) to register for your vaccination. Walk-ins are also available at all sites and locations.

Starting Sunday, May 30, CHCC and the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force will make the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine available at eight new outreach sites. Earlier, CHCC and the task force opened vaccination to 12 years and older. They are now able to be registered for COVID-19 vaccinations at all sites. *(Saipan Tribune)*

IPI

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With Lizama announcing the filing of the appeal, CCC commissioners agreed to defer making a technical amendment to the order.

At the start of the CCC board's monthly meeting yesterday at the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, assistant attorney general Michael Ernest, who is counsel for CCC executive director Andrew Yeom, informed the board that he noticed a technical error in the CCC board's final order against IPI and asked the board to reconsider the final order to correct the error. He said it's only a technical amendment and doesn't affect much of the substance of the order as the error references dates in the violations.

When the board announced the agenda of the receivership issue, IPI

counsel Lizama pointed out that it is not correct to say that there is a receivership. "There hasn't been a receivership. So keep that noted, that we actually have prevented a receivership. So that's good news, that's a good approach to looking at the ongoing construction and the pending issues," he said.

Lizama then stated that he got involved in the review of CCC board's consolidated order against IPI.

When Lizama mentioned that filing a motion for reconsideration of CCC's order could have been the approach, Ernest stood up to object, saying Lizama is not a counsel to any party in those CCC enforcement actions against IPI. "It's improper for him to be making motions to the commission!" Ernest said.

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REGAL

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they pulled this off during this 'new normal'" is a testament to their skill and commitment," said Guerrero.

Among the crowd last Friday were MCS AlumKnights—in reference to MCS alumni—who were more than thankful that the movie theater experience is back.

"After a year of watching movies and TV shows at home, it was nice to finally be able to experience a premiere in a theater again," said AlumKnight Nathaniel Snodgrass.

"Regal is the only cinema viewing place on Saipan. It is nice to come

back and support the one and only place [on] Saipan that shows movies. It's been a part of my life through so many years," said AlumKnight Victor Cabrera, who first played the role of "Zero" in the original *Zero to Hero* released 10 years ago. He reprised his role for 2021's *Zero2Hero*.

"It was nice to relive the theater-going experience. You never know how much you miss standing in line [for tickets], in line at the concession stand, watching previews, and sitting through a piece of media with so many others around you," said AlumKnight and moviegoer Jasmine.

MCS will hold an encore screening of *Zero2Hero* at the school's central quad on June 11.

Special Feature

Editor's Note: The Governor's Council of Economic Advisers' Public Private Partnership initiative has drawn widespread support from the community. Various activities have been conducted and projects have been launched to rally behind the destination transformation campaign. This section will provide insights on how PPP supporters are committed to the program.



GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS
The Rota Youth Center has been spruced up with a mural to mark the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers' first anniversary celebration on the island with a transformation project of key facilities in The Marianas.

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS
Government leaders, residents, and volunteers from Rota, Tinian, and Saipan pose for a photo after completing the painting job at the Rota Basketball Court in Sinapalo last Saturday.

GCEA's PPP partners show strong sense of community

The Governor's Council of Economic Advisers and its partners showcased the strong sense of community in The Marianas at the kickoff of its first-anniversary celebration on Rota over the weekend with a Public Private Partnership transformation event to commemorate the milestone. The PPP campaign is a Marianas destination transformation initiative of the GCEA.

The Office of House Minority from the CNMI House of Representatives and members of the CNMI Senate, their staff, and family members traveled to Rota and joined Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig and the host island's residents in transforming the Sinapalo Youth Center and Basketball Court. The two sites are among the 15 village facilities that the House minority bloc has adopted in support of the PPP campaign.

"We would like to thank the GCEA for celebrating its first anniversary here on Rota and for bringing the PPP program to our island. It's been a while since we had a celebration on Rota and welcomed visitors from Tinian and Saipan due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Somehow, this pandemic brought us back together and made us closer as we work together to make The Marianas a better place for each other and our future visitors," Atalig said.

Atalig and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who co-chairs the GCEA with TanHoldings chief executive officer Jerry Tan, were joined by other GCEA officials and members, lawmakers, and volunteers in celebrating the council's first anniversary with a commemorative PPP project at the Sinapalo facilities last May 21 and 22. The basketball court's surface, bleachers, and posts were cleaned and repainted, while the youth center received a facelift that was highlighted by a mural and artwork on the exterior of the building.

Saipan youth senator Easton Dela Cruz managed the prep work for the mural and encouraged his fellow youth to step up and help the community on all three islands. Abriette Manglona, also a youth senator representing Rota, said the PPP project binds all The Marianas leaders to work together to provide better opportunities for residents, especially the youth, to greatly benefit from these transformations.

Sinapalo resident Mildred Sikebert said that Rota's limited resources make it more challenging to have similar projects like Saipan, but with the PPP and the support the campaign is receiving from both the public and private sectors across The Marianas, she is positive that Rota will see more transformations of destination sites and village facilities.

Torres, meanwhile, called on Rota residents to take care of the facilities that have been transformed and thanked all PPP partners who have been instrumental in the success of the campaign.

"The PPP projects will give us a competitive edge when we welcome tourists back and rebuild our economy. Ultimately, these projects with GCEA's other initiatives are aimed at giving a **better quality of life for all who call The Marianas home**. There's more work to be done to achieve this, but together, we can," Torres said.

While on Rota, GCEA signed a memorandum of agreement with five PPP partners. The Commonwealth Ports Authority-Rota, Filipino Community of Rota, Hotel Valentino, Rota Merchandising and DK Brothers, and the Rota Mayor's Office signed five-year MOUs for the repair and maintenance work at the Melchor Mendiola Leadership Park, Benita Manglona Buildings, and Airport Road. The partners will also continue the work on the Sinapalo project. (PR)



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Karidat Social Services to launch food pantry program

Karidat Social Services will be launching its CDBG Food Pantry Program on June 1, 2021, thanks to the assistance of the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The total allocation awarded to Karidat is \$405,268.50—\$327,514.80 for the project and no more than \$77,753.70 for planning and administrative costs. The food pantry program was made to prepare, prevent, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic and to supplement and expand ongoing

efforts to procure food and infection control supplies in the CNMI.

The project will provide assistance to eligible families on a first-come, first-serve basis as a one-time-only assistance for the duration of the project.

Applications can be picked up at the Karidat Social Services window from Monday through Friday, from 8am to 4pm or downloaded online at www.karidat.com. Completed applications can be submitted at the Karidat Social Services window or

emailed to foodpantry@karidat.org.

Completed applications and certification forms will be reviewed, and “unmet need” will be determined by using the official USDA Food Plans (cost of food per family - value of food assistance provided (if

any) = unmet need.) Maximum assistance amounts up to \$100 food and infection control supplies per person and up to \$400 food and infection control supplies per family. Official USDA food plan calculation is a requirement to determine eligible families.

Eligible families will be assigned a pick-up date of food/supplies. Families deemed ineligible for the assistance will be notified by Karidat.

For inquiries, contact the main office at 234-5248 or 234-6981, Monday through Friday, from 8am to 4pm. **(PR)**

GCA-Rota celebrates 25th anniversary

Grace Christian Academy on Rota recently celebrated its 25th silver anniversary weekend on May 21-23, which means GCA-Rota has been serving the Rota community for 25 years.

Festivities kicked off on Friday, May 21, with an awards and graduation ceremony. The Class of 2021 GCA Eagles were acknowledged for their

perseverance during this unprecedented year of distance learning. In addition, past GCA students were recognized for upcoming promotions and graduations from middle school, junior high school, high school, and college.

Day 2 of the celebration was held on Saturday, May 22 at the Teteto Beach Pavilion. Celebration Day 3 was

held at Rota Christian Assembly of God with songs of praise and worship during church service.

GCA-Rota hopes to continue making a difference in the lives of students and families throughout the island. For more information about the Summer Learning Program and school year 21-22 #tition, call GCA-Rota 532-5402. **(PR)**



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority hereby gives notice that a **Regular Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Office of the Governor & Lt. Governor Conference Room, Saipan, MP 96950.



MEETING AGENDA

- Preliminary Matters**
 - Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Adoption of Agenda
 - Adoption of Minutes
 - Special Board Meeting – May 19, 2021
- Public Comments**
- Committee Reports**
 - Finance- Fund Status
 - HOT Receivables
 - Payment to Municipalities (Saipan, Tinian, Rota)
 - Building Fund Reimbursement
- Old Business**
 - Marketing
 - MVA Korea Contract- Change Order
 - MVA Strategic Plan Toward Sustainable Tourism Industry
- New Business**
 - CNMI Tourism Resumption Plan
- Executive Session**
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- Adjournment**

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 505694 CK Saipan as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

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Belarus must pay if it hijacked a flight to capture a dissenter

The United States and the European Union have responded with immediate and appropriate outrage to the apparent hijacking of a plane by the authoritarian government of Belarus so that a dissident, activist journalist on board could be arrested. What's particularly welcome is that the tough words have been accompanied by actions.

On Sunday a commercial flight from Athens to Vilnius, Lithuania, was intercepted by a Belarusian fighter jet, apparently on the orders of the country's longtime president, Alexander Lukashenko. The ostensible cause was a supposed bomb threat, but the real objective seems to have been the arrest of Raman Pratasevich, who was taken into custody after the plane landed in the capital city of Belarus, Minsk. (When the plane was searched, no bomb was found.)

Living in self-imposed exile in Lithuania, Pratasevich, 26, ran a messaging app that helped organize protests against Lukashenko, a strongman accused of jailing political opponents and orchestrating blatant election fraud. The young dissident faces charges of inciting public disorder and social hatred, offenses that could lead to a more than 12 years imprisonment. His situation may be even more dire, however, because Belarus' state police agency has reportedly classified him as a terrorist. If charged and convicted of terrorism, he could face the death penalty.

Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken promptly and properly called for Pratasevich's immediate release. On Monday, White House press secretary Jen Psaki called the diversion of the airliner a "shocking act" and said the U.S. was demanding "an immediate, international, transparent and credible investigation of this incident." European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said the diversion of the plane amounted to a "hijacking." They're right — forcing a plane down in order to take custody of a government critic violates the global agreements on which international air travel depends.

Meeting in Brussels on Monday, leaders of the European Union increased the pressure on Belarus. They released a statement calling on all EU-based airlines to avoid Belarusian airspace and for measures to deny Belarusian airlines access to airports in the EU, while promising to impose new economic sanctions on Belarus. The leaders also urged an investigation by the International Civil Aviation Organization and called for the release of Pratasevich and his Russian girlfriend, Sofia Sapega.

This prompt and forceful response is welcome. Interfering with an international flight to kidnap a dissident is not just a violation of human rights but also a breach of international norms and a threat to the safety of passengers.

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We must say the names of the heroes who gave all in defense of freedom

Every headstone in cemeteries across our nation and around the globe tells a story.

The letters etched upon those stones are the names of mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, daughters and sons. Far too many lived short lives—fighting and dying for the peace, freedom and opportunities we enjoy as Americans.

Whenever I walk through the sacred grounds of our national cemeteries, I pause and read the names aloud, my way of ensuring I never forget the ultimate sacrifice these patriots gave in defense of freedom.

On Memorial Day, my wish is that all Americans take the time to remember the sacrifices of these heroes by saying their names aloud. Saying the names of these men and women keeps their memory alive—the memory of their service, commitment, dedication and love of country. It reminds their families that we continue to stand with them.

My most humbling career experiences have been the privilege of meeting our men and women serving in Afghanistan and Iraq, visiting and seeing firsthand the resilience of those wounded and recovering, and sharing my deep condolences and grief with military families when their loved ones came home in a flag-draped coffin.

They aren't just names. They are our families and friends, our neighbors and fellow citizens. These men and women have so many stories of bravery and valor to tell.

Wood National Cemetery in Milwaukee is the final resting place of four Civil War Medal of Honor recipients, Buffalo Soldiers, and Michelle Witmer, the first woman from the Wisconsin National Guard killed in war in 60 years. She served in Iraq with her sisters, Charity and Rachel.

Army Private David Bennes is buried in San Antonio. He earned the Medal of Honor in World War I after he volunteered to cross a river to observe enemy positions and drowned on the return trip.

Air Force Lt. Col. Ellison Onizuka, killed in the Challenger space shuttle explosion, is buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

In 2006, Air Force Tech. Sgt. Alfred Hill, who was missing in action for 62 years, finally returned home and was laid to rest at the Fort Sill National Cemetery. He and eight crewmembers were onboard a B-24 bomber that disappeared on a mission during World War II.

Those who read the book "We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young" (by Harold G. Moore and Joseph L. Galloway) or saw the movie will recognize the name of Medal of Honor recipient Army Capt. Ed "Too Tall" Freeman, buried in the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. A helicopter pilot who volunteered to fly

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food and supplies to soldiers fighting in Vietnam's Ia Drang Valley under heavy enemy fire, Capt. Freeman's bravery allowed hundreds to return home to their families.

And there's Jesse LeRoy Brown, who earned the Distinguished Flying Cross—the first Black naval officer to complete the Navy's basic flight training program and the first Black naval officer killed in the Korean War. He was killed trying to save Marines trapped at the Chosin Reservoir. His body was never recovered, and his family was left without a grave to honor and remember him.

The Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial is the final resting place for 7,861 servicemen who died liberating Italy from the Nazis.

Many more heroes from all our wars rest in hallowed grounds around the world.

We can't lose sight of what Memorial Day means for our nation and families who continue to grieve the loss of a soldier, sailor, airman, Marine or Coast Guardsman.

For these Americans, Memorial Day may not be a day of celebration. It may be a deeply personal and somber day. Remember them in your prayers and recognize that we are free because of their sacrifices.

President Joe Biden told me that my job as VA secretary is to "fight like hell" for veterans. He also said that there is no more sacred duty than to care for our nation's vets who have given us so much.

As our caring colleagues in the National Cemetery Administration maintain their solemn mission to watch over those no longer with us, we know many more veterans came home with wounds both visible and invisible. My promise is that all of us in VA will selflessly serve those men and women who served and sacrificed so much for all of us.

Today, and always, I remember our fallen heroes and say their names. I ask you to join me in saying their names in honor, reflection and recognition of a grateful nation.

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GOP Rep. Greene equates mask mandates to the Holocaust. Here's a history lesson for her

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, the Georgia congresswoman who has made herself the face of Republican lunacy, was roundly flayed over the weekend for a TV appearance in which she equated a mask mandate on the House floor to the Holocaust.

The reproofs came from all along the political spectrum, Republicans and Democrats alike. But something was missing from most of the commentary.

That something is history.

To recap, Greene went on the conservative Real America's Voice network show "The Water Cooler With David Brody" late last week to complain about the mask mandate imposed by Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi with violations punished by fines.

"You know, we can look back in a time in history where people were told to wear a gold star," Greene said as Brody, a right-wing commentator, nodded in sage agreement. "And they were definitely treated like second-class citizens—so much so that they were put in trains and taken to gas chambers in Nazi Germany, and this is exactly the type of abuse that Nancy Pelosi is talking about."

Virtues and Vices: Cost and Prices

LITERARY NOOK

By **JOEY 'PEPE' BATBON' CONNOLLY**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey aka Pepe Batbon is a retired educator who taught in the CNMI, NOLA, and LVNV. He is a sonnet practitioner who enjoys stargazing.

**Frugality is the Mother of All Virtues**

"Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself; i.e. waste nothing."

—Benjamin Franklin, *The Thirteen Virtues*

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A Wasteful Wastrel

A wandering wastrel I, a thing of bling dispatches here there and everywhere I spend all my money my buddy spends every bit of spare change he catches money flows in and out on rainy days and sunny I lost plenty on a riverboat between Cairo and Natchez then went bankrupt and came up short and bet my car borrowed more and lost all on eight cockfight matches two days ahead who knows what tomorrow may bring how does that old saying go? eat drink and be merry... fortune may bring windfall profits and plenty of bling I keep spending and see what burden of debt I can carry using credit lines and savings forget the penny pinching a penniless spendthrift, a profligate, pecuniary prodigal a life of luxury, extravagance both wanton and wasteful.

(Greene plainly was referring to the yellow stars that Jews in Nazi Germany were forced to wear.)

Greene is not alone in trying to depict social distancing imperatives as tantamount to Nazi policies.

A few weeks ago, speaking of the prospect of "vaccine passports" to verify that holders have been inoculated against COVID-19, Rep. Madison Cawthorn, R-N.C., another House extremist, told Fox News, "Proposals like these smack of 1940s Nazi Germany."

Referring to anti-pandemic measures as the equivalent of Holocaust measures has become a theme in some conservative corners.

Former U.S. Ambassador to Germany Richard Grenell issued a tweet showing a picture of a fictional Nazi officer from the film "Inglorious Basterds" accusing a family of hiding "unvaccinated people" under their floorboards. (Thanks to an appointment by ex-President Donald Trump, Grenell is a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.)

Make no mistake: Equating mask mandates and vaccine passports to Nazi policies is a form of Holocaust denial, that thoroughly discredited dark corner of the human psyche.

The perpetrators don't deny that the Holocaust happened; instead, they sap it of its power to shock the conscience by elevating anti-COVID policies to the same level, thereby diminishing the power of the Holocaust to shock the conscience of humankind.

The nonchalance of Greene's evocation of the Holocaust, along with that of others who have invoked it to fight pandemic measures, suggests that the Holocaust is receding from public awareness. It's a 75-year-old story, after all—who can bother thinking about such ancient history?

Apparently it's been forgotten by the House Republican leadership, none of whom have responded to Greene's words with anything but silence—not Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, not Minority Whip Steve Scalise, not the theatrically grouchy Elise Stefanik, who was recently elevated to the chair of the House Republican Conference.

Yet remembrances are all around us, if we choose to look. Holocaust memorial museums have been established around the world, including in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. (The latter is the institution Grenell serves as a trustee.) The genocide has been chronicled in firsthand accounts and expansive writings from historians. This is what it entailed.

Hitler developed the techniques of mass murder employed in the ghettos and death camps of Nazi-controlled Europe starting with a campaign against children with disabilities, of whom an estimated 5,000 were killed between 1939 and 1944. The program expanded to adults with mental illnesses, who were transported to six euthanasia centers, where carbon dioxide was pumped into camouflaged shower rooms. In these centers cyanide gas, the infamous Zyklon (German for "cyclone") B, was first used.

As historian Jeremy M. Black documents, after the Nazi subjugation of Poland in 1939 the Germans chose to force Jews into ghettos, tiny urban quarters. The hope was that typhus, malnutrition and starvation would relieve the Nazis of the necessity of face-to-face murder. By August 1941, Black reports, 5,500 Jews were dying in the ghetto every month. Leaving the ghetto was punishable by death.

The first extermination camp, Sobibor, was opened in Poland in 1942. At that point, the Nazis' genocide campaign against European Jewry moved into high gear. Up to that point, most murders had been committed by special police squads, whose members shot Jews point-blank.

The use of the cyanide gas Zyklon B in the industrialized settings of death camps "alleviated the process of murder," wrote Laurence Rees in his 2005 history of Auschwitz-Birkenau, which was built to house 130,000 prisoners at a time, and where 1.1 million were killed.

By **MICHAEL HILTZIK**

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Jews were marshaled from their home towns by train or truck. During the journeys, which could take as long as two weeks, they were given no food or water. There were no lavatories.

At Birkenau, about 15% of each trainload were chosen by SS officers to join work squads. The others—"the old, the weak, the infirm, the children and the others ... would be immediately walked to the gas chambers and exterminated." Some 230,000 children died there, typically within an hour of their arrival.

The biographers of SS chief Heinrich Himmler, a principal architect of the Holocaust, tell the story of Oswald "Papa" Kaduk, an SS functionary at Auschwitz who had a practice of giving Jewish children balloons just before injecting the chemical phenol directly into their hearts. This killed them within seconds, enabling Kaduk to murder 10 children per minute.

Outside the gas chambers, while the gassings were taking place, SS squads rummaged through the victims' possessions, taking food, valuables and clothing. They pried open the corpses' mouths looking for gold coins or fillings, shaved hair off the corpses for German textile factories (7 tons of human hair were found in the camp warehouse when it

was liberated), pried rings off their fingers, then sent the bodies to be cremated—in incinerators, the design of which was proudly patented by their inventor.

Rudolf Hoess, the Auschwitz commandant, went to his death (by hanging after his 1947 conviction for war crimes) expressing pride for the efficiency of the Auschwitz killing machinery.

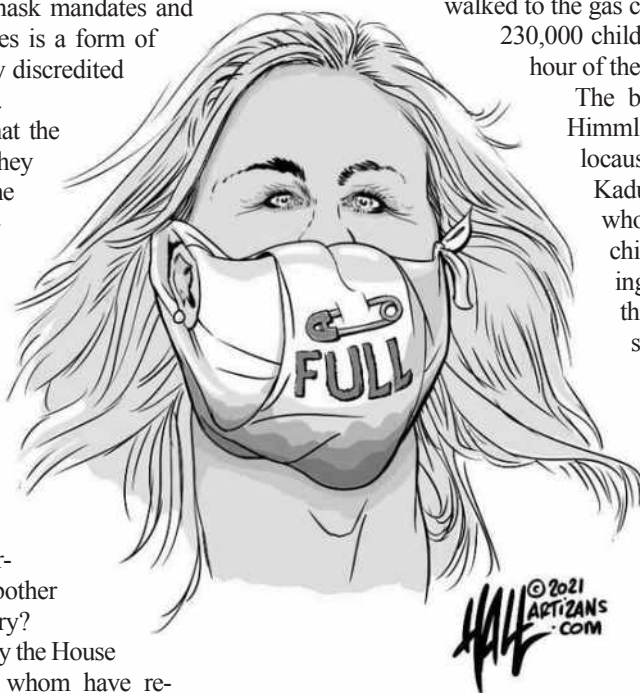
"I have never heard of a single person being found alive when the gas chambers were opened half an hour after the gas had been inducted," he wrote in his memoirs. As Primo Levi, one of the survivors of Auschwitz, recalled being told by a prisoner upon his arrival, "The only way out is through the Chimney."

The compiler of the prisoner squads' recollections records what they saw when they reopened the gas chambers to clear out the corpses: "The purple, fissured flesh; the faces distorted with pain; and the eyes, bulging and agape, attest to the terrible agonies that these people experienced in their last moments."






This is the reality of the Holocaust—the murder of 6 million Jews and millions more who the Nazis judged unsuitable for their Aryan reich. This is the reality mocked by Robert Keith Packer, who ambled around the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 wearing a sweatshirt bearing the legend "Camp Auschwitz" and the phrase "Work Brings Freedom," a translation of "Arbeit Macht Frei," which stood over the gates of the death camp's main entrance.

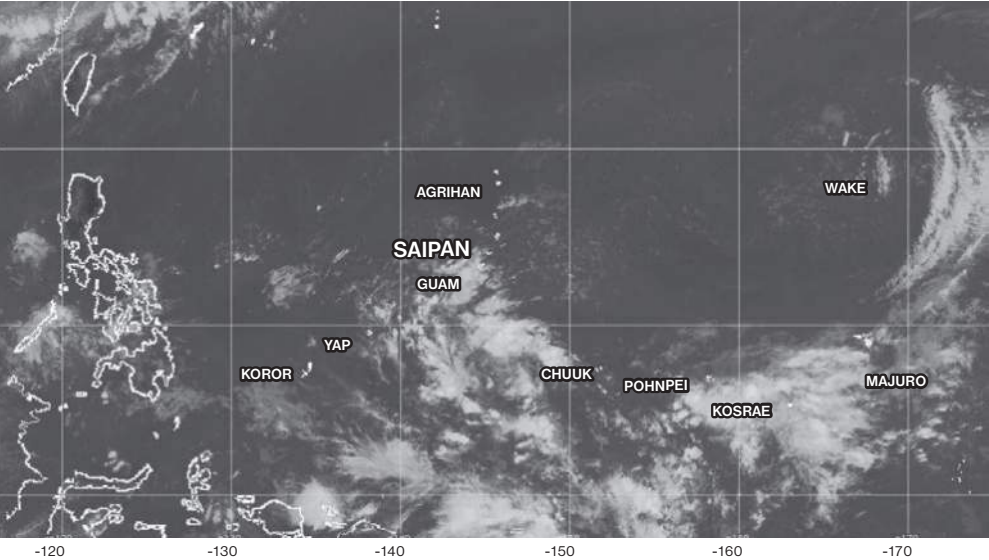
This is the reality that Greene and her fellows choose to exploit in attempting to turn the slight inconvenience of mask mandates into an elemental crime against humanity. They've made a choice that bespeaks surpassing cruelty and ignorance, and no condemnation can be severe enough.

Their efforts have the effect, at their core, of neutralizing the Holocaust. This is a moral offense. As the Holocaust scholar Lucy S. Dawidowicz observed in her 1975 work "The War Against the Jews 1933-1945," that effort is, or should be, impossible. "The very subject matter of the Final Solution," she wrote, "precludes neutrality."



The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	
									
Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.		Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



PICTURE TIME: 9:00 AM, THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite imagery shows a surface trough extending northward from a circulation southwest of Chuuk ending southwest of Guam. This feature is enhancing showers across the Marianas, with the strongest convection south of Guam. Moderate to fresh trade winds are expected through this afternoon. Buoys show combined seas between 3 and 5 feet from the trade-wind swell.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
 - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
 - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20

seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mp and, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

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MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	88 80 °F	
Palau	Thunderstorms	85 78 °F	
Yap	Thunderstorms	86 80 °F	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87 81 °F	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86 79 °F	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86 79 °F	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86 81 °F	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:46 AM	6:41 PM
Saturday	5:45 AM	6:42 PM
Sunday	5:45 AM	6:43 PM
Monday	5:45 AM	6:43 PM
Tuesday	5:45 AM	6:43 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	7:10 AM	8:45 PM
Saturday	-	8:13 AM	9:48 PM
Sunday	-	9:17 AM	10:45 PM
Monday	-	10:18 AM	11:35 PM
Tuesday	-	11:16 AM	5:25 AM

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Rain	63 55 °F	
Beijing	Mostly sunny	84 63 °F	
Hong Kong	Sunny	85 73 °F	
Honolulu	Sunny	81 69 °F	
London	Showers	65 55 °F	
Los Angeles	Partly cloudy	79 62 °F	
Manila	Thunderstorms	93 81 °F	
Melbourne	Rain	54 46 °F	
Miami	Thunderstorms	88 78 °F	
New York	Showers	71 62 °F	
Osaka	Mostly sunny	88 70 °F	
Paris	Thunderstorms	79 63 °F	
Pusan	Partly cloudy	81 64 °F	
Rome	Sunny	84 61 °F	
Salem	Thunderstorms	82 66 °F	
San Francisco	Showers	64 38 °F	
Seoul	Partly cloudy	82 63 °F	
Tokyo	Mostly sunny	82 68 °F	
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	78 63 °F	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
2:59 AM	Low Tide	1.38	
7:47 AM	High Tide	2.19	
3:16 PM	Low Tide	-0.50	
10:30 PM	High Tide	2.18	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 20, 2021								
DEPARTURES					ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)					GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	6:30am	7:10am	1, 3, 5, 6		UA174	4:50am	5:31am	1, 3, 5, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)					MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	6:30am	8:50pm	5 via Guam		UA184/174	9:50pm	5:31am+1	5 via Guam
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)					MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
UA183	7:05pm	8:50pm	5		UA184	9:50pm	3:45am+1	5
UA183	7:15pm	9:10pm	1, 3,		UA184	10:25pm	4:10am+1	1, 3
LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. <i>(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)</i>								

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.							
FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021							
SAIPAN TO ROTA				1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily	1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily	1205	11:00	11:15	Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri	1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily	1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily	1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily	1211	17:00	17:15	Daily
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri	1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily				
ROTA TO GUAM				TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable	2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
				2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
				2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
				2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
				2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
				2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
				2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
				2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
				2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
				2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
				2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
				2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable
GUAM TO ROTA							
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable				
SAIPAN TO TINIAN							
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable				

Business

Array of banking services awaits at Bank of Saipan

By BEA CABRERA

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CORRESPONDENT

For over 40 years, Bank of Saipan carried the reputation of being “CNMI’s local bank” because they have been investing and promoting economic development of people and businesses in the Marianas. On Monday, they launched their new branch along Beach Road with their impressive modern façade, spacious floor plans, and invigorating interiors that make banking transactions unthreatening, smooth and convenient.

At the launch, they announced three services that includes Teller Pods where tellers can actually leave their stations and greet the customers at the door, find out what they need help with, and then bring them over to their stations; the rebrand of its online banking now called EaSi Banking and Mobile; and lastly, EaSi Business where clients can do basically any kind of bank transaction that they would normally do in the bank or in the presence of a teller except getting cash.

Aside from these, there are more services that await clients, according to Bank of Saipan president/CEO John Z. Arroyo. “One thing new for the island is our 24-hour ATM vestibule. You’ve probably seen these elsewhere in the [United States] but primarily the ATM will be in that area and operational even after hours,” he said.

“The unique thing about this is its security feature. The doors are locked but our debit card customers can use their card to swipe and unlock the door and inside, they’re in a secure place and do their business. When they’re ready to leave, they just push the button on the handle on the door. The lock releases and they’re gone,” he added.

For large business customers that come in with their cash sales, depositing them would be efficient. “This kind of transaction tends to take more time than a regular retail customer and in getting through those transactions. Now, there is no need to wait in line because we have one Teller Pod available just for

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BEA CABRERA
Spacious, well lit and clean—the new look of Bank of Saipan.



BEA CABRERA

The new Bank of Saipan headquarters located along Beach Road in Chalan Lau Lau.



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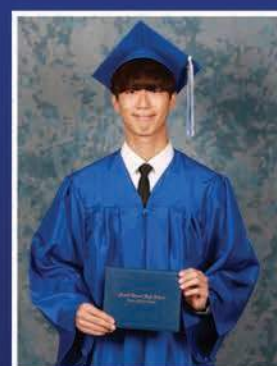
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NOTICE

Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program will hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity for the community to comment on the provisions of child care services under the CNMI CCDF State Plan for FFY2022-2024.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing to provide their comments relative to the proposed State Plan either orally or in writing at the hearing. The Public Hearing is scheduled for these dates, times, and location.

June 1, 2021	Kagman Community Center, Saipan	6:00p.m.
June 2, 2021	Carolinian Utt, Garapan, Saipan	6:00p.m.
June 4, 2021	Sinapalo Youth Center, Rota	5:30p.m.
June 10, 2021	Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria, Tinian	5:30p.m.

Covid-19 protocols will be strictly followed for all public hearing dates. This will include temperature check, sign in, and limit of participants to accommodate social distancing.

A sign language interpreter is available at all public hearings. Large print of the summary of the CNMI CCDF State Plan may be provided if a written request is made at least 5-working days before the scheduled hearing. All written requests should be forwarded to mlostecnmiccdf@gmail.com with the subject line: Request for Large Print of Summary of CCDF State Plan.

Copies of the proposed CNMI CCDF State Plan will be available for download by May 15, 2021 via the Child Care Licensing Program website at www.cnmicclp.gov.mp.

All written comments should be received by the Child Care and Development Fund on or before June 15, 2021 and addressed to: Maribel Loste, CCDF Program Administrator. Written comments may be submitted via drop box at the CCDF Office, Bldg. No. 1347 Ascension Ct. Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 or via email at mlostecnmiccdf@gmail.com.

/s/ Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, DCCA Secretary



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Janice E. Castro
 Director, DCRM

NOTICE TO ALL MARINE SPORTS OPERATORS ON SAIPAN, TINIAN & ROTA

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) recognizes the economic hardship that CNMI marine sports operators have experienced, and continue to experience, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NMIAC § 15-10-205(h)(4) requires all commercial marine sports permits to expire on May 30th each year. To assist the marine sports community during these challenging times, the renewal fee for commercial marine sports operators whose permit(s) were renewed last year and are set to expire on May 30, 2021, shall be waived. To avail of a permit fee waiver, all currently permitted marine sports operators on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota must submit a complete application package to DCRM on or before May 30, 2021.

Marine sports operations that did not renew their permit last year are not eligible for a fee waiver. For more information, contact DCRM at 664-8300.

/s/ JANICE E. CASTRO
 DCRM Director

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that,” Arroyo said.

“We also do have a secure cash room in the back so if somebody does come in with an extra-large amount of cash and they want the additional security, we can bring them back into a private room where they could sit well, have a cup of coffee while we do their business for them,” he added.

Arroyo said that their services does not only extend to people who come to their bank. “A couple months ago, we launched our financial literacy program, an actual video on our YouTube page. It’s the first in a number of series of educational videos that we are planning to produce to help individuals, beginning with kids between 5 and

10 years old to understand money, know how difficult it is to get and why they should practice spending money wisely,” he said,

“The next video should be launched probably within the next 60 days or so and eventually, You know, we’ll be producing videos that are intended for high school, middle school, high school-aged kids, and then kids who are, getting out of high school, maybe getting into the workplace for the first time or off to college. It will include lessons about credit, opening up bank accounts, you know using responsibly a debit card and also about if they’re going into work about earning money,” he added.

Arroyo said that the community can expect these services and more specifically for the Marianas. “We are a bank just for the Marianas,

not for Guam, not for Hawaii, not for anywhere else but just for the Marianas and that’s how Bank of Saipan was born and we have been doing that. We don’t do business anywhere but here.”

“All of our earnings are generated and invested here, all the deposits that we take all come from here and the use of those deposits the loans we make are just to the people who live here. So that that is the story of Bank of Saipan—a local bank exclusively for the people and businesses in the CNMI,” he added

Bank of Saipan has branches on Beach Road Chalan Lau Lau and Garapan. They are open from 9am to 4pm, Monday-Thursday; from 9am to 4pm on Friday; and from 10am to 12pm on Saturday. For more information, call (670) 6260.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ARFF BUILDING RENOVATION - REPACKAGED**, TINIAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP No. 3-69-0011-28/30.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: “TNI ARFF BUILDING RENOVATIONS - REPACKAGED”, Tinian International Airport, Tinian, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0011-28/30”, and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., Friday, JUNE 25, 2021**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor the Arrival Building at the Saipan International Airport. Sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read at the Saipan Airport Conference Room immediately after the deadline on the same day.

The project, in general, consist of the TNI ARFF Building renovation and extension, and construction of new building. It includes demolition of existing ARFF Dispatch and first bay of the aforesaid building. A three-story building will be constructed at this site, and the remaining building will receive extension of frontage at Bay 2 and Bay 3. A new auxiliary building will be constructed adjacent to the building. Also, this project includes replacement of existing chain-link fence, additional parking and other associated works, all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

A DVD containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Commonwealth Ports Authority’s Accounting Office, 2nd floor of the Departure Terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED U.S. DOLLARS (\$200.00)** for each set of plans and documents in electronic form (DVD). The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier’s check or U.S. postal money order payable to the “Commonwealth Ports Authority”.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Tinian Ports Manager’s Office at the Tinian International Airport at **11:00 AM, Friday, June 11, 2021**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. This pre-bid is not mandatory and minutes of the pre-bid will be distributed to all parties who have picked up the DVD containing the plans and specifications.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the bid opening date.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the DVD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications. It is the contractor’s responsibility to inform CPA as soon as possible if there is a problem accessing the information on the DVD. Contractors are to verify all information provided using the table of contents for the specifications and the plan that shows the index of drawings.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **Four Hundred Thirty (430) Calendar Days**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be “responsive or responsible”, their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or mis-entry of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier’s check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The United States Secretary of Transportation has granted the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands an exemption from the requirements of the Department of Transportation’s Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) regulation, which later became the Department of Transportation’s Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, as it relates to FAA grant programs. The Secretary of Transportation has not determined that a portion of those requirements should be reinstated.

By submitting a bid/proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participation in this transaction.

In addition to the above, all bidders shall comply with all other Federal requirements under this procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran’s Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

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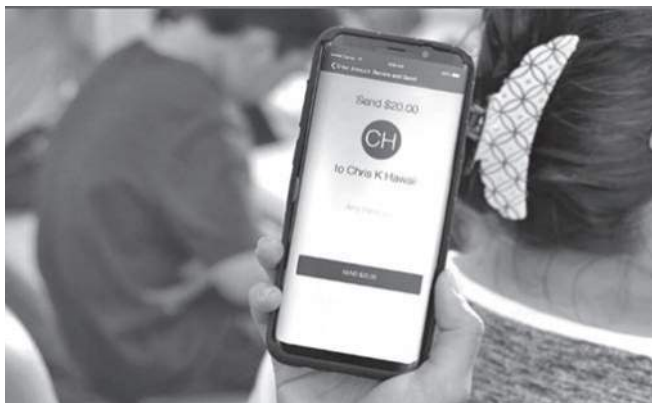
/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
 Executive Director

Date: May 21, 2021

BOH offers Zelle in Saipan, Guam

Bank of Hawaii announced that Zelle is now available to Guam and Saipan customers in its mobile banking app, bringing residents a fast, safe, and easy person-to-person payment option. The release of Zelle in Guam and Saipan is the newest digital enhancement in Bank of Hawaii's continuing digital transformation effort, supporting the bank's digital growth strategy.

Zelle, owned and operated by Early Warning Services,



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Customers who already have the Bank of Hawaii mobile app only need to update to the latest version to use Zelle.

LLC, is already in the Bank of Hawaii mobile app, and allows consumers to send and receive payments typically available within minutes when both parties are already enrolled with Zelle. For more than 100 million consumers, Zelle is already available from the convenience of their mobile banking app, allowing them to send payments to people who bank at different financial institutions in the U.S.

Customers who already have the Bank of Hawaii mobile app only need to update to the latest version

to use Zelle. Payments can be sent using only an email address or U.S. mobile phone number.

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ITB21-CHCC/CGC-BHRP-001

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JUNE 21, 2021 • TIME: 10:00AM (CHST)

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ CORA P. ADA
DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
CPA-RA-003-17

The Commonwealth Ports Authority's (CPA) is a public corporation and autonomous agency of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). In accordance with its Procurement Rules and Regulations, CPA hereby seeks the services of qualified consulting firms to provide Construction Management Services for the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport Drainage Improvements, CPA-RA-003-17.

The project is being funded by CPA. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Administration Office, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Electronic copies may be made available upon written request to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA's Executive Assistant/Project Manager at wprater@cnmiports.com.

Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant/Project Manager, at the CPA Administration Office or emailed to wprater@cnmiports.com by no later than 5:00 p.m., local time, Friday, June 11, 2021.

The statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the criteria available in the RFQ package.

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **5:00 p.m. (CHST), FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

/S/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: 5/20/21

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

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JVA-21-001	MARKETING SPECIALIST II	MAY 17, 2021	MAY 31, 2021
JVA-21-002	GRAPHIC ARTIST	MAY 17, 2021	MAY 31, 2021
JVA-21-003	SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE MANAGING DIRECTOR	MAY 24, 2021	JUNE 7, 2021

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Position: ACCOUNTING MANAGER

Job Description: The Accounting Manager is responsible for overseeing the staff and operational functions of the Cargo Express Accounting Office in planning, organizing, and controlling all financial operations of the Company, to include strategic financial planning, annual budgeting, accounts payable, payroll, customer accounting, continuing property records, inventory, accounts receivable, cash management, miscellaneous billing, and general ledger; ensuring timely financial reporting to Cargo Express's Board of Directors and the Executive Management Team. The Accounting Manager receives general guidance from the General Manager/President and performs management and complex accounting duties with a high level of independence and professional discretion in maintaining accountability for all financial and accounting needs of Cargo Express.

Minimum Qualification: Bachelor Degree in Accounting (may be foreign equiv); 2 yrs. related work experience.

Job site: Lower Base Saipan, CNMI
Opening Date: 5/20/2021
Closing Date: 6/10/2021
Salary Range: \$32,781 / Annually

How to apply: Submit a professional resume to:
CARGO EXPRESS (SAIPAN), INC. office at Lower Base Drive, Saipan, MP 96950 OR Mail to P.O. Box 506391 Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands 96950

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PARKING LOT EXPANSION
CPA-TA-001-20

The Commonwealth Ports Authority's (CPA) is a public corporation and autonomous agency of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). In accordance with its Procurement Rules and Regulations, CPA hereby seeks the services of qualified consulting firms to provide Construction Management Services for the Tinian International Airport Parking Lot Expansion, CPA-TA-001-20.

The project is being funded by CPA. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

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/S/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: 5/20/21

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JOB OPENING: BUSINESS OFFICE MANAGER

Duties:

1. Manage front office staff in the performance of administrative functions.
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3. Provide executive level administrative assistance to school president and senior management staff
4. Compose, type, and distribute meeting notes, routine correspondence, or reports, such as presentations or expense, statistical, or monthly reports.
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6. Maintain scheduling and event calendars coordinate conferences, meetings, or special events.

Other requirements:

1. Bachelor's Degree in Management
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3. Fluent bi-lingual English and Chinese/Mandarin language skills for working with our Chinese students and patrons
4. Skilled in the use of computers for database management and word processing.

Work Location: Eucon International School,
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
RFP NO.: DPW/HSEM21-RFP-025

SUBMISSION DATE: June 30, 2021 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"Design/Build for CNMI All Hazard Warning System, Saipan"

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THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-Proposal Conference** for this project on **June 15, 2021**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the **Homeland Security and Management Agency**, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **June 22, 2021** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director** Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

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ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

/S/ GERALD DELON GUERRERO
Special Assistant-HSEM

Nation

Killer of 8 in California had talked of workplace attacks

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—An employee who gunned down eight people at a California rail yard and then killed himself as law enforcement rushed in had talked about killing people at work more than a decade ago, his ex-wife said.

"I never believed him, and it never happened. Until now," a tearful Cecilia Nelms

told The Associated Press on Wednesday following the 6:30 a.m. attack at a light rail facility for the Valley Transportation Authority.

"When our deputies went through the door, initially he was still firing rounds. When our deputy saw him, he took his life," Santa Clara County Sheriff Laurie Smith told reporters.

The sheriff's office is next door to the rail yard, which serves the county of more than 1 million people in the heart of the Silicon Valley.

The attacker was identified as 57-year-old Samuel Cassidy, according to two law enforcement officials. Investigators offered no immediate word on a possible motive but his ex-wife

said he used to come home from work resentful and angry over what he perceived as unfair assignments.

"He could dwell on things," she said. The two were married for about 10 years until a 2005 divorce filing and she hadn't been in touch with Cassidy for about 13 years, Nelms said.

It was the 15th mass killing in

the nation this year, all of them shootings that have claimed at least four lives each for a total of 86 deaths, according to a database compiled by The Associated Press, USA Today and Northeastern University.

At the White House, President Joe Biden ordered flags to be flown at half-staff and urged Congress to act on legislation to curb gun violence.

"Every life that is taken by a bullet pierces the soul of our nation. We can, and we must, do more," Biden said in a statement.

Gov. Gavin Newsom visited the site and then spoke emotionally about the country's latest mass killing. "There's a numbness some of us are feeling about this. There's a sameness to this," he said. "It begs the damn question of what the hell is going on in the United States of America?"

The shooting took place in two buildings and killed employees who had been bus and light rail operators, mechanics, linemen and an assistant superintendent over the course of their careers. One had worked for the agency since 1999.

The Santa Clara County Office of the Medical Examiner-

Coroner identified the victims as Paul Delacruz Megia, 42; Taptejdeep Singh, 36; Adrian Balleza, 29; Jose Dejesus Hernandez, 35; Timothy Michael Romo, 49; Michael Joseph Rudometkin, 40; Abdolvahab Alaghmandan, 63, and Lars Kepler Lane, 63.

Another man wounded in the attack was in critical condition at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, spokesperson Joy Alexiou said.

Singh had worked as a light rail train driver for eight or nine years and had a wife, two small children and many family members, said his cousin, Bagga Singh.

"We heard that he chose the people to shoot, but I don't know why they choose him because he has nothing to do with him," he said.

San Jose City Councilman Raul Perez said Rudometkin was a close friend.

"There are no words to describe the heartache we are feeling right now, especially for his family," he wrote on Facebook. "Eight families are feeling this same sense of loss tonight and our entire community is mourning as well."

AP-NORC poll: More Americans believe anti-Asian hate rising

WASHINGTON (AP)—A majority of Americans across racial and ethnic groups believe discrimination has worsened in the last year against Asian Americans, who became the target of attacks after being unfairly blamed for the coronavirus pandemic.

A poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds 60% of Americans say discrimination against Asian Americans has swelled compared with a year ago, including 71% of Asian Americans, 66% of Black Americans, 59% of white Americans and 55% of Hispanic Americans.

Nearly half of Americans believe Asian Americans

encounter "a great deal" or "quite a lot" of discrimination in the U.S. today. The poll also finds about 6 in 10 Americans say racism in the U.S. in general is a "very" or "extremely" serious problem. And a majority of Asian Americans say they feel unsafe in public because of their race.

Susan Lee, of Sacramento, California, said friends initiated conversations with her about racism as random attacks on Asians became more frequent, but the 72-year-old Chinese American noted a key difference between friends who were Asian and non-Asian.

"My non-Asian friends are probably more astonished that this is occurring," Lee said. "I

think Chinese or 'Asians' have always been looked at as a positive asset. I think they are puzzled by that situation."

Barbara Canchola, 76, of El Paso, Texas, said she would have answered "not at all" if she had been asked pre-pandemic if Asian Americans face racism. Canchola, who identifies as Hispanic, said she associated anti-Asian discrimination as something way in the past like Japanese American internment camps during World War II.

"I really wouldn't think they are facing any kind of discrimination because I happen to think they're very well educated—most of them—and they don't face that much scrutiny,"

Canchola said. "However, ever since the pandemic began and it was labeled a 'China thing,' that's where it all began."

She attributes her new outlook to all the television coverage "where the people are being assaulted on the street out of the blue."

Renee Tajima-Pena, an Asian American Studies professor at the University of California, Los Angeles and co-producer of the PBS docu-series "Asian Americans," isn't surprised some people have never thought of Asian Americans as victims. The dominant narrative has always been they are successful, don't speak up and, therefore, encounter little racism.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

NAME OF EMPLOYER: Kingfisher Corporation

THE POSITION: General and Operations Manager

JOB DESCRIPTION: Represent the company in all aspects during annual meetings held at the head office in Tokyo, Japan; Prepare monthly result of operations for submission to the head office; Prepare various reports as required by the head office pertaining to daily operation; Acts as authorized bank signatory; Review all bank transactions, deposits, disbursements, fund transfer; Oversee annual external audits being done; In-charge of hiring staff and working on documents applications' review and approval; In-charge of the overall operation of the golf course and restaurant; In-charge of sales promotion and expansion; Supervise accountant and other staff; Review and approve all reports to the Federal and CNMI Governments, tax deposits, tax returns, and land leases; See to it that all government regulations as to permits & licenses are met; Supervise the overall maintenance of the golf course; Travel to Tokyo, Japan twice a year to attend the annual meeting and to discuss results of operation and company status with the company's higher management.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION: Must be a College Graduate with a BA Degree.

EXPERIENCE: With at least 48 months of relevant work experience in managing golf course, restaurant, and pro-shop at the same time.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Japanese language skills in reading, writing and speaking is preferred; Knowledgeable in preparing operation, financial, and other reports required by the head office in Tokyo in Japanese language; Well-versed with MS Office software and Peachtree payroll software; Must have the ability to represent the company in annual meetings held at the head office in Tokyo, Japan; Well-versed with government reporting both for the CNMI and Federal Governments; Well-versed on golf course maintenance and with fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides & insecticides importation and application.

Job Site: Talafofo Road, Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

How to Apply: Submit or mail resume and/or application letter to:

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World

Blinken claims progress in effort to boost Gaza truce

CAIRO (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken wrapped up a two-day Middle East mission on Wednesday, winning valuable diplomatic support and hundreds of millions of dollars of pledges from Arab allies as he moved to shore up the cease-fire that ended an 11-day war between Israel and the Gaza Strip’s militant Hamas rulers.

But the mission made little headway in resolving the deeper issues at the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including the tensions in the contested holy city of Jerusalem that played a key role in the latest war.

After two days of talks with Israeli, Palestinian and Arab allies, Blinken acknowledged that any resumption of peace talks remained far off. In the meantime, he said he had made progress toward the more modest goals of cementing the cease-fire and rebuilding hard-hit Gaza.

“We see the ceasefire, not as an end, but as a beginning, something to build on,” Blinken told reporters in the Jordanian capital of Amman, where he met King Abdullah II.

He said the first priority was to meet the immediate needs of Gaza’s 2 million people and

then aim to “create better conditions in which we can try to move forward.”

Earlier, he was in Egypt for talks with President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi. The visits came a day after intensive talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders.

Blinken has vowed to “rally international support” to rebuild hard-hit Gaza while promising to make sure that none of the aid reaches Hamas. He also is trying to bolster Hamas’ rival, the internationally recognized Palestinian Authority.

In a boost to those efforts, the energy-rich Gulf country of Qatar pledged \$500 million to postwar reconstruction in Gaza. Qatar often serves as a mediator between Israel and Hamas and it has contributed hundreds of millions of dollars in aid to support past cease-fires.

In Cairo, Blinken met with el-Sissi for nearly two hours. Meeting with American diplomatic staff afterwards, he described Egypt as a “real and effective partner” that helped end the Gaza war.

El-Sissi spoke to President Joe Biden last week before and after the ceasefire was announced, and his government has also pledged \$500 million in assistance to Gaza.

“I think we both believe strongly that Palestinians and Israelis deserve equally to, to live in safety and security to enjoy equal measures of freedom, opportunity and dignity. And we’re working on that together,” Blinken said.

El-Sissi said the latest round of violence showed the urgency of resuming direct negotiations. In a statement, he called for “active American engagement” to bring Israel and the Palestinians back to the negotiating table.

Jordan’s king echoed that call, noting “the pivotal role of the United States in pushing for the re-launch of series and effective negotiations.” Abdullah, who serves as custodian of Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem, also warned against “provocative Israeli violations” in the holy city.

Both Egypt and Jordan are key U.S. allies that have peace agreements with Israel and frequently serve as mediators between Israel and the Palestinians. Egypt maintains ties with Hamas, but also enforces a tight blockade on Gaza, along with Israel, with a shared goal of preventing the Islamic group from arming.

The stop in Cairo, along with Biden’s phone talks with

el-Sissi, signal a closer relationship between the countries after a cooler beginning, when the U.S. expressed concern over el-Sissi’s human rights record.

Vaccine inequality in India sends many falling through gaps

NEW DELHI (AP)—As the coronavirus tears through India, night watchman Sagar Kumar thinks constantly about getting vaccines for himself and his family of five amid critical shortages of shots in the country. But even if he knew how to get one, it wouldn’t be easy.

The main way is to register through a government website. But it is in English—a language the 25-year-old Kumar and nearly 90% of Indians can’t speak, read or write—and his family has a single smartphone, with spotty internet service.

And even though his state of Uttar Pradesh gives free shots to those under 45, there is no vaccination site in his village, with the nearest hospital an hour away.

“All I can do now is hope for the best,” Kumar said.

The pandemic’s disparities already were stark in India, where access to health care is as stratified and unequal as many other parts of society. Now wealth and technology is further widening those chasms, and millions are falling through the gaps.

That worries health experts, who say vaccine inequality could hamper India’s already difficult fight against a virus that has been killing more than 4,000 people a day in recent weeks.

“Inequitable vaccination risks

prolonging the pandemic in India,” said Krishna Udayakumar, founding director of the Duke Global Health Innovation Center at Duke University in North Carolina. “Reducing barriers for the most vulnerable populations should be a priority.”

India’s vaccination campaign began in January with a goal of inoculating 300 million of its nearly 1.4 billion people by August. So far, however, it has fully vaccinated a little over 42 million people, or barely 3% of its population.

The government didn’t reserve enough shots for the campaign and it was slow to scale up vaccine production. Then, with the country recording hundreds of thousands of new infections daily, the government on May 1 opened up vaccination to all adults.

That made an already bad shortage even worse.

Amid those challenges, the federal government also changed its policy on who can get vaccines and who must pay for them. It allotted itself half of the shots in the country and said it would give free shots to front-line workers and those 45 and older.

Individual states and private hospitals could then negotiate deals with the country’s vaccine-makers for the other half of the shots, the govern-

ment said. That effectively put the burden for inoculating everyone under 45 on states and the private sector, who often ask members of the public to pay as much as \$20 for a shot.

†*Simon Ilal*
(*Ughulupiyong*)
Lovingly known as “Ughu”

Born: May 6, 1984 –
Called to Eternal Life
May 8, 2021

He now joins his:

Grandparents: †Rita F. Ilal
† Simon E. Ilal
Aunts & Uncle: † Gaudencia I. Sablan
† Emmanuel Fitial (Ningu)
† Laurencia R. Ilal
† Bernadita F. Ilal

Memories will forever live in the hearts of:

Mother: Mariana F. Ilal
Reared Siblings: Rita Ilal / Dewayne Muna
Benigno I. Sablan Jr. / Cora N. Sablan
Melycher I. Sablan (Benicia Lowailei I. Sablan)

He will be missed by numerous Families and Friends.

Wake Service will be held on May 28, 2021. His remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to the family residence in Chalan Laulau at 9:00 a.m.. Responso Services and Holy Rosary will take place upon arrival.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. on May 29, 2021. Internment Services will be at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where he will be laid to rest peacefully.

The Family

We, the family of the late †Richard T. Mungwaath would like to inform our relatives and friends that our beloved husband, father, brother, and son was called to his eternal rest on April 5, 2021.

Funeral Service will be on May 31st, 2021 at CHCC Chapel from 2:00PM-3:00PM, followed by his burial at his final resting place at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers,
The Family

Off The Wall

Woman gets back \$1M lottery ticket that she'd thrown away

SOUTHWICK, Mass. (AP)—A Massachusetts woman who accidentally tossed out a \$1 million lottery ticket eventually collected her winnings thanks to the kindness and honesty of the owners of the store where she bought it.

Lea Rose Fiega bought the \$30 Diamond Millions scratch-off ticket in March at the Lucky Stop convenience store in Southwick near where she works.

"I was in a hurry, on lunch break, and just scratched it real quick, and looked at it, and it didn't look like a winner, so I handed it over to them to throw away," she said Monday.

The ticket lay behind the counter for 10 days.

"One evening, I was going through the tickets from the trash and found out that she didn't scratch the number," Abhi Shah, the son of the store's owners told WWLP-TV. "I scratched the number and it was \$1 million underneath the ticket."

Fiega is a regular customer, so the family knew immediately who had discarded it.

Shah went to see Fiega at work.

"He came to my office and said 'my Mom and Dad would like to see you,'" she said. "I said 'I'm working,' and he

said 'no you have to come over.' So I went over there and that's when they told me. I was in total disbelief. I cried, I hugged them."

Fiega said overcoming a near fatal bout with COVID-19 in January was like "winning the lottery," so she feels doubly fortunate.

"I mean, who does that? They're great people. I am beyond blessed," she said.

The store gets a \$10,000 bonus from the state lottery commission for selling the winning ticket. Fiega said she gave the family an additional reward. She's saving the rest for retirement.

Plane lands safely on beach after engine fails



People stand near a light plane that made an emergency landing on a beach in Sydney Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

SYDNEY (AP)—A recreational plane landed safely on a Sydney beach with three people aboard including a baby on Wednesday after its single engine failed, officials said.

The Tecnam P2008 aircraft landed without incident on Collaroy Beach in northern Sydney early afternoon, a police statement said.

The 25-year-old male pilot, a 28-year-old female passenger and a 1-year-old boy were not injured, police said.

The pilot made a forced landing following a reported engine failure, said the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, a crash investigator.

The plane appeared to land gently on the beach just above the water line.

The plane had taken off from Bankstown Airport in Sydney's southwest less than an hour before it had mechanical problems, Nine News reported.

"They were OK. A little bit shaken up. Obviously, not the intended flight path for them,

but they were fine. We didn't need to provide any medical treatment," ambulance official Dave Stubbs told reporters.

Surfer Fabio Silvestre watched from the sea the plane land and said it was fortunate that no one was on the beach in its path.

The plane was a recreational category aircraft and any safety investigation would be conducted by the Recreational Aviation Australia agency. An agency spokesperson was not available for comment.

LV has pop-up vaccine clinic at strip club

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Wearing a French maid-inspired lingerie costume and high heels, dancer JoJo Hamner waited patiently to get her COVID-19 vaccine in a line that snaked past a glittery hostess stand under a red-light chandelier.

When it was her turn, Hamner sat in a chair and held onto a small feather duster that completed her costume while a nurse administered the shot into her already-exposed arm.

Hamner then waited nearby for the required 15 minutes of observation, sitting with other vaccine recipients in leather chairs between plush purple

booths, vacant stages and empty poles at this strip club in Las Vegas.

"This is just the most Vegas thing I've ever seen," she said of the experience.

Larry Flynt's Hustler Club, with a spinning disco ball casting rainbow colors on the walls but more lights turned on than usual, was an unconventional site for a walk-in vaccination clinic. But as government officials and health workers try to address the slowing demand for COVID-19 vaccines, they're increasingly turning to creative ways to incentivize people to

show up and get a shot.

"This is just another way to access our population," said JoAnn Rupiper, the chief nurse of the Southern Nevada Health District, who monitored the walk-in clinic. "It might attract some people who like the novelty of it, I suppose."

The clinic opened for several hours Friday night, administering shots to about 100 people before the strip club opened for its usual business. Several workers at the club, including Hamner, a dancer at a topless revenue, got their shots at the clinic along with members of the public.

Science & Technology

Forecast: 40% chance Earth to be hotter than Paris goal soon

There's a 40% chance that the world will get so hot in the next five years that it will temporarily push past the temperature limit the Paris climate agreement is trying to prevent, meteorologists said.

A new World Meteorological Organization forecast for the next several

years also predicts a 90% chance that the world will set yet another record for the hottest year by the end of 2025 and that the Atlantic will continue to brew more potentially dangerous hurricanes than it used to.

For this year, the meteorologists say large parts of

land in the Northern Hemisphere will be 1.4 degrees (0.8 degrees Celsius) warmer than recent decades and that the U.S. Southwest's drought will continue.

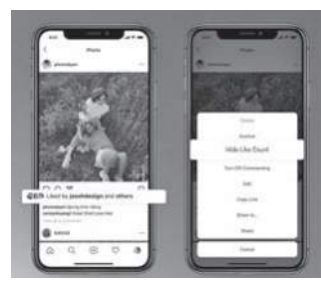
The 2015 Paris climate accord set a goal of keeping warming to a few tenths of a degree warmer from now.

Facebook, Instagram will now let you hide 'like' counts

If you post a photo to social media and you don't know how many people liked it, did you really post it?

Instagram and Facebook users can now find out. Beginning Wednesday, those on both services will be able to hide the numbers that show how many people liked their posts and photos.

Instagram began hiding likes in 2019 as part of an



This photo provided by Facebook shows a producer view of a social media post on a smartphone.

FACEBOOK VIA AP

effort to make people's time on the app less stressful and depressing. While many users welcomed the feature, others, including some influencers, worried it might take away from the social media experience. At the time, the platform didn't give users a choice to hide or unhide the like counts, which didn't sit well with some users.

Fixing a Mac that can't send e-mails with attachments

Q: Right after I upgraded my Mac to the Big Sur 11.3 operating system, I could no longer send e-mails with attachments using the Microsoft Outlook program. I get an error message that says "a secure connection cannot be established with the server smtp.comcast.net."

A: There's some miscommunication between your Mac and the Comcast mail server. (The mail server is called smtp.comcast.net, where SMTP stands for "simple mail transfer protocol").

Typically, this occurs when a computer sends the mail server an erroneous bit of code. In your case, the Mac's software probably caused that to happen. Here are some possible causes:

■ A conflict between Outlook and Big Sur. Different versions of Outlook have trouble with the operating system. Outlook version 14, which was included in "Office for Mac 2011," does not work on Big Sur. The Outlook program contained in "Office for Mac 2016" will run on Big Sur, but may have to be updated first (see tinyurl.com/wdvk2de7). The version of Outlook included in "Microsoft 365 for Mac" may need to be completely uninstalled from your Mac, then reinstalled, in order to correct any problems with Big Sur (see tinyurl.com/48utyuwu).

TECH Q&A

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■ A conflict between Outlook and Norton security software. If you use either "Outlook 2019 for Mac" or the Outlook program contained in "Microsoft 365 for Mac," the error can result if you send an e-mail with an attachment while using "Norton Security for Mac" version 8.6.3 or newer. A feature of the Norton program called "vulnerability protection" may be preventing the e-mails from being sent.

If that's the case, Microsoft recommends that you report the problem to Norton (see tinyurl.com/34925k9k). Norton said the temporary workaround for sending e-mails with attachments is to briefly turn off "vulnerability protection" (see tinyurl.com/m489wdjv).

Q: My Windows 10 PC uses a memory card reader (a SanDisk MicroMate) that plugs into the PC's USB port. The PC can detect the card reader but can't open the SanDisk memory card from my Sony camera. What's the problem?

A: Windows 10 probably doesn't have the right soft-

ware driver for your new card reader. To update the driver, press the Windows and X keys at the same time. In the resulting list, click on Device Manager. In the next list, click on "memory technology devices." When your SanDisk card reader appears, click on the name. In the next menu, click on the "driver" tab, then click "update driver."

Another possibility is that the memory card contains a file error that prevents your PC from reading it. This could have happened if you bought a memory card with more storage capacity than your camera could handle, then formatted the card in the PC rather than the camera. The camera might still have been able to use the memory card, but eventually the photo files stored on the card would have become corrupted. (The best way to avoid this problem is to let the camera format new memory cards; see tinyurl.com/z7hcfwbm). If your camera card contains corrupted files, you can sometimes retrieve the card's contents by using PC "recovery software" (see tinyurl.com/sjjxcr4h).

Life & Style

Amazon to buy MGM, studio behind James Bond and 'Shark Tank'

NEW YORK (AP)—Online shopping giant Amazon is buying MGM, the movie and TV studio behind James Bond, "Legally Blonde" and "Shark Tank," with the hopes of filling its video streaming service with more stuff to watch.

Amazon is paying \$8.45 billion for MGM, making it the company's second-largest acquisition after it bought gro-

cer Whole Foods for nearly \$14 billion in 2017.

The deal is the latest in the media industry that's aimed at boosting streaming services to compete against Netflix and Disney+. AT&T and Discovery announced last week that they would combine media companies, creating a powerhouse that includes HGTV, CNN, Food Network and HBO.

Amazon doesn't say how many people watch its Prime Video streaming service, but more than 200 million people have access to it because they pay for Prime membership, which gives them faster shipping and other perks.

Amazon said Wednesday that it would use MGM's vast library, which includes famous characters such as Rocky, Ro-

boCop and Pink Panther, to create new movies and shows.

"It's going to be a lot of fun work," said Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, during the company's shareholder meeting on Wednesday. "People who love stories are going to be the big beneficiaries."

Sucharita Kodali, an e-commerce analyst at Forrester Research Inc., said streaming companies need shows people can't watch elsewhere in order to stand out and be competitive.

"There is an arms race to get what you can while the window is open," she said. Plus, the price tag is just a tiny fraction of Amazon's valuation, which is nearing \$2 trillion.

Known for its roaring lion logo, MGM is one of the oldest studios in Hollywood, founded

in 1924 when films were still silent. But its shine has faded considerably over the years. In the mid-1980s, it sold much of its pre-1948 catalog, including "The Wizard of Oz" and "Gone with the Wind," which is now owned by Warner Bros. And its sprawling California lot was bought by Sony.

For much of the past decade, MGM juggled bankruptcy and a revolving door of owners while its new releases dwindled. Long up for sale, MGM's desirability was lessened, not just because of its partially auctioned-off library, but because its prized property—James Bond—isn't owned outright. MGM splits ownership of it with Barbara Broccoli and Michael G. Wilson, who have ultimate control over the franchise.

The release of the latest James Bond entry, "No Time to Die," has been on hold through the pandemic, with a fall release now planned.

Its other upcoming movies include Paul Thomas Anderson's next film, "Soggy Bottom," starring Bradley Cooper; Ridley Scott's "House of Gucci," with Lady Gaga and Adam Driver; and the upcoming Aretha Franklin biopic "Respect," with Jennifer Hudson. Its library still includes more than 4,000 movies, including "Silence of the Lambs" and "Thelma & Louise," and 17,000 TV shows, such as reality TV staples "Shark Tank" and "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills." Amazon will also get cable channel Epix out of the deal.

Oprah, Prince Harry host discussion with Gaga, Glenn Close

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Oprah Winfrey and Prince Harry are continuing their mental health series with a virtual town hall featuring Lady Gaga, Glenn Close and others.

Apple TV+ announced Wednesday that it will release on Friday "The Me You Can't See: A Path Forward." The free town hall arrives a week after the mental health series co-created by Winfrey and the Duke of Sussex, "The Me You Can't See," was released on the streaming platform.

The series features a mix of stories of celebrities and everyday people and their mental health struggles and breakthroughs. In one episode, Gaga revealed the trauma of a rape she said left her pregnant at age 19.

Harry discussed his own anxiety, therapy and coping techniques for the series, which debuted last week. The duke and his wife Meghan are living in California while they await the birth of their second child.

Harry told The Associated

Press he felt compelled to discuss his struggles in the hopes it will help other people. "I see it as a responsibility. I don't find it hard to open up," he told the AP last week. "Knowing the impacts and the positive reaction that it has for so many people that also suffer, I do believe it's a responsibility."

Other notable participants include NBA players DeMar DeRozan and Langston Galloway, boxer Virginia "Ginny" Fuchs, and celebrity chef Rashad Armstead.



Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex speaks at "Vax Live: The Concert to Reunite the World" in Inglewood, Calif. on May 2, 2021, left, and Oprah Winfrey appears at the 75th annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif. on Jan. 7, 2018.

Actor John Cena faces backlash in China over Taiwan comment

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Actor and professional wrestler John Cena has apologized to fans in China after he called Taiwan a country in a promotional interview for his upcoming film and became the latest celebrity to face the fury of Chinese nationalists.

In a short video posted Tuesday on Chinese social media site Weibo, Cena did not refer to Taiwan or go into much detail about the incident, which occurred earlier this month when he was doing a promotion for "Fast & Furious 9" with Taiwanese media.

"In one interview, I made a mistake," he said in heavily accented Mandarin Chinese. "I need to say now that this is very, very, very, very important. I love and respect China and the Chinese people. I'm very, very sorry. As for my mistake, I really apologize for it."

In his interview with TVBS,

a Taiwanese cable channel, Cena was also speaking in Mandarin when he said Taiwan would be the first "country" to be able to see the film. That led to an uproar in China, which considers the



Cena

self-governing democracy its own territory to be taken back by force if necessary.

It was unclear if Cena's apology worked, as many comments on Chinese social media in response to his video were negative. Likewise, Cena was also facing scorn back in the United States, where Sen. Tom Cotton called the apology "pathetic" and others lashed out at him on social media as a "coward."

Global companies and celebrities seeking to maintain access to the lucrative Chinese market have to tread a

fine line on many issues as online nationalistic outrage can spark boycotts.

China has increasingly pressured foreign firms over their statements on Taiwan, Hong Kong, Xinjiang, Tibet, the South China Sea and other issues Beijing considers sensitive.

Airlines and other multinational companies have been pushed to refer to Taiwan as a part of China on their websites or risk damage to their business in China.

Chinese state broadcaster CCTV cut ties with the NBA for a year in response to a tweet by Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey backing pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong, even though the post was quickly deleted.

Fate of exercise equipment becomes sore subject

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago, while living with my sister, I bought a \$900 rowing machine I could barely afford. I loved it and used it often. Two years ago, since we were moving out, I decided to let my sister take the rowing machine because my new apartment building had three and hers had no gym at all. It worked perfectly, and I thought I was doing her a favor because she couldn't afford a gym membership. My intention was to take back the rowing machine when I eventually had room to put it somewhere in a future home.

Well, after recently moving into my new home and requesting she return it, she informed me that it was hers now. That was never my intention. She has gotten my other sister and our parents to side with her, and they're making me feel like a bad person for even asking for it. Now I'm left to shop for a new machine, while the original sits in her new large home gym along with her Peloton.

She never offered to buy it, ever. She just insists it's hers now because I "gave" it to her. I still need a rowing machine, and I get upset every time I look at new ones online. It just feels wrong that I have to buy another one. What should I do?

—BUFF BRO IN ILLINOIS

DEAR BRO: Buy another one. If it wasn't made absolutely clear to Sissy that you expected the rowing machine to be returned at a later date, she was within her rights to conclude that it was a gift. If you DID make that clear to her when you moved out, then shame on her. But either way, it's not worth a family feud.

DEAR ABBY: Some close friends have an adult child with a severe disability. They've been upfront about it and his need to be present in the community. I applaud their attitude, but on a personal level, I don't know how to handle it.

They have a big family celebration coming up, assuming things continue to improve COVID-wise. I'm tired of not knowing how to interact with this person. Other people laugh and joke and seem to have a nice relationship with him. I struggle to understand, and I don't know if I should just be honest and say I don't know what to do or say. I feel I'm missing out on what others see. How do I move along?

—AWKWARD IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR AWKWARD: I don't think it's necessary to explain to your friends that you feel uncomfortable inter-

DEAR ABBY

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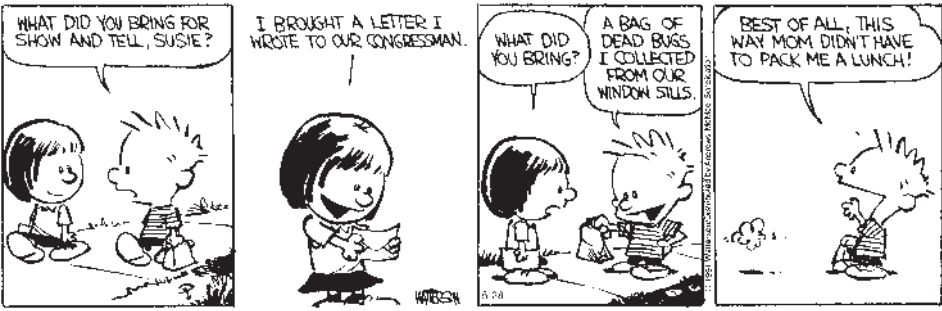
acting with their disabled child. I do think you should tell them you would like to interact more fully with him and ASK FOR SUGGESTIONS on how you can achieve that. They wouldn't find it offensive. In fact, they may appreciate your being forthright, because I'm willing to bet not everyone has been as compassionate as you—or as direct.

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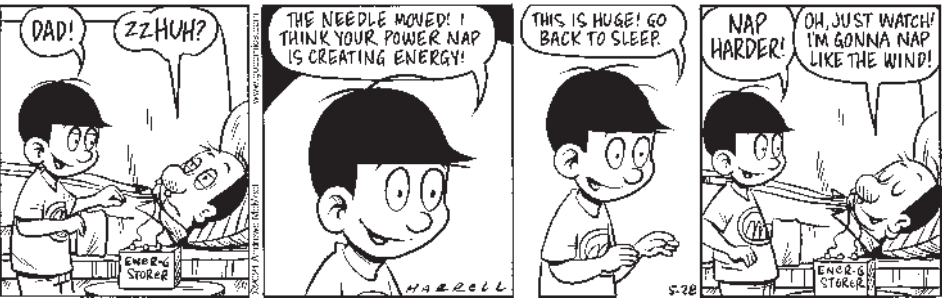
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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

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14 "If — Would Leave You"

15 White wine cocktail

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31 College study

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38 Feedbag fill

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1 Comic's repertoire

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6 Persian Gulf emirate

7 "Alice" diner

8 "Hail, Caesar!"

9 Retrieve

10 Hot temper

11 Espionage org.

17 College VIP

21 Entrances

23 Hair conditioner target

24 Trail the pack

25 Sports fig.

26 Favorite

28 Bikini top

30 Scottish river

31 Chairman of China

32 Political strategist

33 Scribble (down)

36 "Today" anchor

37 Zigzag in snow

40 "NCIS: New Orleans" actor

42 Kick out

43 Heart line

44 Comes in last

45 Gone to the bottom

46 Cozy rooms

48 Billboards

49 Bit of physics

50 Reuben bread

51 "Don't — stranger!"

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 5-28

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Carey Mulligan, 36; Kylie Minogue, 53; Christa Miller, 57; Gladys Knight, 77.

Happy Birthday: Stay on top of your spending habits this year. Look for alternative ways to bring in cash. Physical action will help you achieve what you set out to do. Listen to reason, verify facts and don't rely on someone to do things for you. Indecisiveness is a red flag. Back away from questionable situations. Be direct and personable. Your numbers are 7, 15, 23, 29, 37, 41, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Look at the big picture before trying something new. Having a good sense of what you want and what's available will help you choose a path that leads to victory. Intelligence and hard work will get you closer to your goal. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't cross boundaries. Make your aim to stabilize, not disrupt. An unnecessary change will leave you second-guessing your next move. Do what you can without compromising your beliefs, integrity or financial budget. Stick to what you know and do best. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take care of your responsibilities. If you let someone do things for you, disappointment will follow. Keep your plans and budget reasonable. Take responsibility for your actions and words. Take better care of your health and financial well-being. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't jump to conclusions. Go directly to the source and get information in writing.

Your meticulous nature will keep you ahead of the competition. An open mind will give you the vision to recognize what's right for you. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A steady pace and a curious mind will help you distinguish between what's authentic and what isn't. Keep your wits about you to ensure no one takes advantage of your kindness or generosity. Offer sound solutions, not cash. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll accomplish the most if you find yourself a quiet cubbyhole where you can focus without interruptions. It's OK to distance yourself from drama and people who insist on making life difficult. Make positive changes, and be good to yourself. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Channel your emotional energy into something constructive. Idle time will lead to an unnecessary argument that can affect your personal and professional life. Bide your time, think matters through and focus on personal gains and self-improvement. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let go of sentimentality regarding how you live. A minimalist approach will help lead you to peace of mind and the opportunity to achieve goals. Stop spinning your wheels; start making things happen. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Common sense will be your saving grace. If you let someone pressure or tempt you into something outlandish, you will have regrets. Change what's necessary, and be-

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lieve only what's verified. Set positive and doable rules and standards. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Share your thoughts and feelings, make decisions in unison with people you care about and love. The changes you make will bring you closer to the lifestyle you want to live. Personal gain is within reach. Commit to someone you love. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Uncertainty is the enemy. Use your ingenuity and do the research necessary to help you gain perspective regarding something you want to pursue. A positive change at home or to where you live is featured. Romance is in the stars. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look at every angle of a situation before you make a decision. Listen to your inner voice, not to someone filling your head with unrealistic pursuits. If you want to make a change, be willing to do so on your own. 4 stars

Birthday Baby: You are colorful, engaging and charitable. You are persevering and fastidious.

🚫 Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. 🌟 You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. 🌟 Focus and you'll reach your goals. 🌟 Aim high; start new projects. 🌟 Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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Difficulty Level: ★★★★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

GEORGE SEGAL (1934-2021)

Solution: 13 letters

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Mitchell nets 25, Jazz overcome Morant, Grizzlies, 141-129



SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Donovan Mitchell wanted to make up for lost time.

Mitchell scored 25 points in his much-anticipated return from a sprained ankle and the Utah Jazz overcame Ja Morant's franchise-record 47 points in a 141-129 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday night, tying the first-round playoff series at a game apiece.

"I have never been in this position before, so this is uncharted territory. I had to find a way to just relax myself. It's easy to go out there and try and hit a home run to start the game, but the game's not won in the first five minutes," Mitchell said.

Mitchell, who was limited to 26 minutes, made five 3-pointers. Rudy Gobert had 21 points, 13 rebounds and four blocks for the Jazz.

Mike Conley had 20 points and a career-best 15 assists, and Bojan Bogdanovic added 18 points to help the Jazz knot the series.

Buoyed by Mitchell, the Jazz led by as many as 22 points in the first half, but Morant and the Grizzlies roared back in the third quarter. Utah didn't ask Mitchell to win the game himself, but the Jazz needed his presence to withstand the Memphis runs.

"Mike had 20 and 15 Rudy at 21 and 13—we did a lot of really good things so it made my job easier. I didn't have to come in and just do everything. I was able to just find my spots and attack and just kind of just do what I do," Mitchell said.

Morant broke Conley's Memphis playoff scoring record, and became the first

player to score as many as 71 points in his first two career playoff games since the NBL merged with the BAA to create the NBA before the 1949-50 season.

"I just got to be aggressive at all times. I put that pressure on myself to get us back in the game. I was able to get to my spots on the floor and make shots," Morant said.

Two Gobert dunks off pick-and-rolls powered a 10-0 run that bridged the third and fourth quarters and gave the Jazz a 110-97 lead following a three-point play by Mitchell.

Dillon Brooks, who scored 23 points, had a dunk that got the Grizzlies within 121-112 with 7:06 to play, but Memphis couldn't stop Utah's multifaceted attack, which scored at least 36 points in three of the four periods.

Mitchell was ready to play on Sunday, but the Jazz medical staff scratched him from the lineup hours before the game, frustrating the Utah star who missed 17 games with a sprained ankle.

Mitchell's anger simmered as he watched the Jazz drop Game 1 to a motivated Memphis squad. He eventually met with his teammates and made sure they knew it wasn't his decision to sit, and that he wanted to be on the court.

On Monday, Mitchell proclaimed he was playing in Game 2 no matter what, and the team agreed. He tried to make up for lost time, scoring 12 points with three 3s in his first eight minutes.

"Anytime you've been out for a significant period of time. I think there's a tendency to try to really put a stamp on the game and I thought he really let the game come to him. He was patient ... and as the game went on, you saw him attack-



AP
Utah Jazz guard Donovan Mitchell (45) guards Memphis Grizzlies guard Ja Morant during the first half of Game 2 of their NBA basketball first-round playoff series Wednesday, May 26, 2021, in Salt Lake City.

ing the basket more but he really played within himself," Utah coach Quin Snyder said.

As he did in the first game, Brooks gave the Grizzlies a big lift once he got some relief from foul trouble. He and Morant got in the lane time and again as Memphis made 17 of 20 field goals to start the third quarter, trimming the lead to 93-91 on Melton's 3-pointer.

The Grizzlies scored 43 points in the third—a franchise record—on 67% shooting, led by Morant's 13 in the period.

"Our guys are energized

every single day. They love to compete. They knew this was going to be a tough game to win. The Jazz came out and played great early, but you can see the resilience and their heart," Memphis coach Taylor Jenkins said, referring to his team's comeback.

The Jazz were aggressive in the first half, driving the ball to the basket or dishing back for 3s. Utah shot 10 for 19 from long range and made 18 of 25 free throws to take a 74-54 halftime lead.

Jordan Clarkson was pre-

sented with the Sixth Man of the Year award before the game and finished with 16 points.

Jonas Valanciunas got his second foul 3:13 into the game, and Brooks got his second a couple minutes later on a four-point play by Mitchell.

Early on, the Jazz extended their defense beyond the 3-point line and often had an extra defender trap or run at Morant before he could get going. But Morant found a way to score 20 points in the first half, but didn't get much help from the rest of the Grizzlies until their third-quarter outburst.

76ers 120, Wizards 95

In Philadelphia, Ben Simmons put a spin move on Russell Westbrook that sent him sprawling to the floor several minutes before an ankle injury sent the NBA's triple-double king to the locker room and nearly into the stands to confront a misbehaving fan.

With Simmons soaring and Westbrook ailing, the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Washington Wizards 120-95 on Wednesday night to take a 2-0 lead in the first-round playoff series.

Game 3 is Saturday night at Washington.

Westbrook went down after colliding with Furkan Korkmaz early in the fourth quarter. He limped off the floor and then was restrained by security after a fan threw popcorn at him as he was headed under the tunnel.

"We'll see," Westbrook said about his availability for the next game. "Hurt it twice in a short amount of time. We'll see what happens."

As for the incident with the fan, Westbrook said: "I wouldn't come up to me on the street and throw popcorn on my head, because you know what happens. ... In these are-

nas, you gotta start protecting the players. We'll see what the NBA does."

Valerie Camillo, president of business operations for the Wells Fargo Center rebuked the fan in a statement.

"This was classless, unacceptable behavior, and we're not going to tolerate it at Wells Fargo Center," Camillo said.

Knicks 101, Hawks 92

In New York, Derrick Rose scored 26 points, Julius Randle shook off a miserable first half to lead a third-quarter turnaround and the New York Knicks beat the Atlanta Hawks 101-92 on Wednesday night in Game 2 to tie the series.

Game 3 is Friday night in Atlanta, where the Hawks will be allowed to welcome a full capacity crowd for the first time.

Randle was 0 for 6 with just two points at halftime and the Knicks were staring at a 13-point deficit. But with Rose moving into the starting lineup to open the third quarter, Randle scored 11 points on 4-for-5 shooting in the period as the Knicks took the lead.

The winner of the NBA's Most Improved Player award finished with 15 points and 12 rebounds despite another poor shooting night. He was 5 for 16 after going 6 for 23 in the opener.

But he came through with it counted along with Reggie Bullock, who made four 3-pointers in the second half and also had 15 points as the Knicks guaranteed there will be at least one more home game in this surprising season.

Trae Young scored 30 points for Atlanta after having 32 and hitting the tiebreaking shot in Game 1. Bogdan Bogdanovic and De'Andre Hunter added 18 apiece.

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Gallegos ordered to switch caps by ump in Cards' 4-0 loss



CHICAGO (AP)—St. Louis pitcher Giovanny Gallegos, clinging to a one-run lead and two on in the seventh inning, was ordered by umpire Joe West to switch caps because there apparently was sun-screen on the bill. Cardinals manager Mike Shildt, thinking his player was unfairly singled out, got ejected during an animated argument in St. Louis' 4-0 win over the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday.

Tommy Edman connected against Carlos Rodón (5-2) in the third and Aaron Bummer in the eighth for a 2-0 lead. Edmundo Sosa added a two-run single in the ninth, and the NL Central-leading Cardinals came away with the win after losing four of five.

John Gant (3-2) dodged bases-loaded jams in the first and third innings while pitching into the sixth.



Third base umpire Joe West, center, tosses St. Louis Cardinals manager Mike Shildt (8) as home plate umpire Nic Lentz. catcher Andrew Knizner and relief pitcher Giovanny Gallegos watch during the seventh inning of an interleague baseball game against the Chicago White Sox Wednesday, May 26, 2021, in Chicago.

Twins 3, Orioles 2

In Minneapolis, Miguel Sanó hit a three-run homer off Jorge López (1-6), and Minnesota completed a three-game sweep of the major league-worst Orioles, who have lost nine straight.

Michael Pineda (3-2) allowed one run and three hits over six innings in his first start since May 13 following a trip to the injured list caused by a thigh abscess. He fell behind in the first on Trey Mancini's 11th home run.

Minnesota has won six of seven overall and 15 in a row over Baltimore. Hansel Robles earned his third save.

Athletics 6, Mariners 3

In Oakland, Calif., James Kaprielian (2-0) allowed two hits in seven scoreless innings, and Oakland avoided a three-game sweep.

Matt Olson hit his 13th homer, Seth Brown had two hits and two RBIs, and Jake Diekmann got four outs for his sixth save.

Robert Dugger (0-1) gave up five runs, five hits and three walks in 3 1/3 innings.

Angels 9, Rangers 8

In Anaheim, Calif., Taylor Ward hit a three-run homer off Dane Dunning (2-4) in the first and had a career-high five RBIs.

Los Angeles led 9-1 but Nate Lowe had a two-run homer in sixth, and Texas scored five times in the eighth on Joey Gallo's two-run homer, Brock Holt's RBI double and Willie Calhoun's two-

run double.

With a runner on, Raisel Iglesias struck out Adolis García, Joey Gallo and Khris Davis for his eighth save.

Griffin Canning (4-3) allowed three runs and four hits in six innings.

Cubs 4, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Trevor Williams pitched six innings and singled twice against his former team, helping streaking Chicago top stumbling Pittsburgh.

Chicago won for the fifth time in six games. David Bote hit a two-run homer for the Cubs, and Kris Bryant had three hits and two RBIs.

Williams (3-2) permitted one run and three hits in his first win since April 17. He struck out seven and walked none. He also went 2 for 3 at the plate.

Craig Kimbrel pitched the ninth for his 11th save of the season and No. 359 for his career, moving into 11th place on baseball's list.

Pittsburgh dropped its fifth straight game. Rookie Wil Crowe (0-3) recorded just four outs. Ben Gamel and Kevin Newman each had two of Pittsburgh's five hits.

Tigers 1, Indians 0

In Detroit, Niko Goodrum doubled, advanced on Jake Rogers' bunt and scored on Robbie Grossman's sacrifice fly in the eighth inning, and

Detroit beat Cleveland to snap a four-game losing streak overall and a six-game skid against the Indians.

Detroit's Jose Urena gave up three hits and three walks over 5 2/3 innings before exiting with a forearm injury in the middle of an at-bat after a trainer made a brief visit to the mound. Jose Cisnero, Michael Fulmer (4-3) and Gregory Soto completed the four-hitter, with Soto earning his fifth save.

The Tigers had just three hits. Cal Quantrill (0-1) allowed two over three innings, along with the game's only run.

Rays 1, Royals 0, 10 innings

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Manuel Margot hit a run-scoring single in the 10th inning and Tampa Bay beat Kansas City.

Kevin Kiermaier advanced from second to third when Taylor Walls flied out to deep center field against Tyler Zuber (0-2). After Austin Meadows was intentionally walked, Margot won it on just the Rays' third hit of the game.

Andrew Benintendi homered leading off the ninth against J.P. Feyereisen (1-2) as the Royals tied it at 1.

Tyler Glasnow pitched eight stellar innings for the Rays. He scattered three hits, struck out 11 and walked two.

Royals starter Mike Minor gave up

one run, two hits and four walks with nine strikeouts over five innings.

Marlins 4, Phillies 2

In Miami, Jon Berti hit a go-ahead, two-run single in a three-run eighth inning, and Miami beat Philadelphia.

Philadelphia built a 2-1 lead on Brad Miller's bases-loaded walk in the third off Nick Neidert and Rhy Hoskins' fifth-inning sacrifice fly against Anthony Bender.

Aaron Nola allowed one run and two hits in six innings. Sam Coonrod (0-1) gave up the lead in the eighth.

Corey Dickerson singled leading off and Coonrod got two outs before walking Diaz. Andrew Knapp's passed ball allowed the runners to move up and Berti hit an opposite-single to right for a 3-2 lead. Berti stole second and scored on Jose Devers' single.

Ross Detwiler (1-0) picked up the win and Yimi García earned his ninth save in 10 chances.

Padres 2, Brewers 1, 10 innings

In Milwaukee, Victor Caratini singled home the go-ahead run in the top of the 10th inning, and San Diego defeated Milwaukee for its 11th victory in 12 games.

Caratini's leadoff single to right off Brent Suter (3-3) scored automatic runner Wil Myers from second base.

Spot starter Eric Lauer allowed one run over six innings and tied the game with a third-inning homer for the Brewers. San Diego's Chris Paddock also worked six innings and gave up one hit aside from Lauer's long ball.

Austin Adams (1-0) earned the win. Mark Melancon earned his 17th save.

Astros 5, Dodgers 2

In Houston, Jose Altuve, Carlos Correa and Aledmys Díaz homered,

and Houston stopped a four-game slide by topping Trevor Bauer and Los Angeles.

Altuve hit a leadoff drive in the first inning, and Correa put Houston ahead to stay with a tiebreaking solo shot off Bauer with two outs in the sixth. Díaz tacked on a two-run shot during the Astros' three-run seventh.

Los Angeles had won eight in a row.

Bauer (5-3) permitted two runs and four hits in six innings. He tied a season high with four walks and struck out a season-low three.

Sheldon Neuse homered for the Dodgers, and Max Muncy had a run-scoring single. Luis García (3-3) struck out seven in six innings in his third straight win. He allowed one run and two hits.

Red Sox 9, Braves 5

In Boston, Rafael Devers homered and drove in three runs, helping Boston beat Atlanta in a game that was delayed nearly three hours by rain after the sixth inning.

Hunter Renfroe also connected for Boston, and Christian Vázquez had three RBIs. Xander Bogaerts walked twice and scored three times.

Red Sox right-hander Nick Pivetta (6-0) struck out a season-high nine in six innings. He was charged with four runs and seven hits.

Boston had dropped two in a row on the heels of a four-game win streak.

Austin Riley homered for Atlanta for the fifth time in his last five games. William Contreras had two hits and two RBIs, including a solo shot in the ninth. Braves left-hander Drew Smyly (2-3) allowed seven runs and five hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Giants 5, Diamondbacks 4

In Phoenix, Jason Vosler snapped an eighth-inning tie with his first major league home run and San Francisco rallied past Arizona, handing the Diamondbacks their 10th straight defeat.

Pinch-hitter Austin Slater connected for a two-run shot that tied it 4-all earlier in the eighth. Tyler Rogers pitched out of a huge jam in the ninth, sending Arizona to another agonizing loss and its longest skid since 2010.

Both homers came off Alex Young (1-4), who had been one of the Diamondbacks' most effective relievers.

Nick Tropeano (1-0) pitched a hitless seventh for the win, and Jake McGee worked a scoreless eighth.

Arizona has lost 19 of 22 overall.

Nationals 3, Reds 0, 4 innings, suspended

In Washington, Wednesday night's game between Cincinnati and Washington was suspended in the middle of the fourth inning following a rain delay that lasted for more than three hours.

Play will resume Thursday afternoon with Washington holding a 3-0 lead. The resumption will be a standard-length game, while the regularly scheduled series finale will be seven innings, starting at 7:05 p.m.

Zeile, Alonso encourage vaccines as part of MLB efforts

NEW YORK (AP)—Major League Baseball joined many of its clubs in coronavirus vaccination efforts, sending retired players Todd Zeile and Yonder Alonso to a New York City high school as part of an education push Wednesday.

"It's just giving awareness," said Alonso, now a broadcaster for the MLB Network. "It's giving these kids an opportunity giving these families an opportunity to decide what they

would like to do in regards to getting vaccinated or not. I think it's a small step to hopefully doing what's right and keeping people healthy, not just the young kids, but obviously their parents or grandparents."

Some of the students at Cristo Rey New York High School are part of a corporate work-study program with Major League Baseball, which teamed with CVS Health.

"Being vaccinated is going to help

all of us in terms of the classroom and for work, with much lower risk of illness and much greater confidence, Cristo Rey president Dan Dougherty told the group.

Alonso last played in 2019, and Zeile, now an SNY broadcaster, retired after the 2004 season. The two ex-players spoke with the students about the difficulties of adjusting to the lack of a rigid routine when their careers ended.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce held its annual Scholarship Golf Tournament last Saturday, May 22, at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resorts' west course. It was indeed, a perfect day for golf with perfect attendance, golfers set off with their individual swag bags filled with personalized SCC golf balls, masks, and tournament shirts included with the many amazing items donated by Roil Soil Clothing, Marianas Variety, D&Q Saipan, PHI Pharmacy, Joeten Enterprises, Mobil Marianas, TSL Foundation, StayWell Insurance, and I Love Saipan.

Players were greeted with Herman Modern Bakery's delicious Danishes and coffee provided by Coca Cola/Foremost Beverage Company as they prepared for the shotgun start. All teams jetted out at 7am into the course excited to scramble for the amazing hole-in one prizes and optional play games provided. Monetary prizes were made

possible through the donation of the tournament's headline sponsors: McDonald's of Saipan, Kautz Glass Company, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Take Care Insurance, Bridge Capital LLC, Bank of Guam, and the CNMI Board of Education.

Hole-in-one prizes included \$5,000 from McDonald's of Saipan in hole No. 17; a brand new 2021 Toyota Highlander from Atkins Kroll in hole No. 13; in hole No.7 was a bundle of \$10,000, and a 2022 Hyundai Tucson donated by United Equipment Rental (UER) and Triple J Motors, and a fabulous 2021 Kia Seltos in hole No.3 from Joeten Motors Co.

Each hole-in-one had a \$150 prize for the player who makes closest-to-the pin, donated by Mobil Marianas, Inas' Kitchen, Matson Navigation Co., and Calvo's Insurance. Latte Built Fitness & Nutrition took over the Aggressive Drive Contest in hole No. 12, ensuring player's forms were well. Other hole-

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in-one sponsors included: AB Risk Solutions, BCM, LLC (Burger-Comer-Magliari), Bank of Hawaii, Dial Rent-to-Own, Docomo Pacific, First Hawaiian Bank, EatsEasy, IT&E CNMI, and Michelob Ultra (MarPac).

It was a great day on the golf course, with birdies and bogies! Players were hydrated throughout the tournament thanks to beverages donated by Marianas Pacific Dist. (MAR-PAC), Triple J Motors, Coca Cola Beverage Co., Terry's Snack Bar, and Saipan Water & Ice. Players remarked the great time on the course, the free-flowing beverages, and let's not forget the delicious player on-course sandwiches donated by Great Harvest Bread Co. Volunteers also shared the enjoyment on the course with refreshments provided by Galaxy II Snack Bar.

Loads of excitement awaited players as they journeyed back from the course at the tournament banquet which followed immediately at the Laolao Bay lobby. To help congratulate



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Amber Quitano, a nursing student at the Northern Marianas College, is one of the beneficiaries of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's Scholarship Golf Tournament last weekend.

the players and winners were Chamber board president Joe Guerrero (Naked Fish Bar & Grill); SCC board vice president and SCC Events Committee chair Shayne Villanueva, SCC board secretary/Events co-chair Marcia Calvo (Calvo's Insurance), and 2020 Scholarship recipient Amber Quitano.

Between raffling the blackjack double Peoria holes, exciting raffle packages and spilled raffle tickets, players enjoyed a great banquet. All would not be possible with

the support of event and raffle prize sponsors: AllStar Sporting Goods, BankPacific, Caravans of Foods, Candle J, Chun Ji Restaurant, D&Q Saipan, Dial Rent-to-Own, E-Land Corporation, Godfather's Bar, Island Training Solutions, Islander Rent-a-Car, Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, Megabyte, Naked Fish Bar & Grill, Northern Marianas College, R&J Wine-Liquor-Etc., Spn.dylus670, The Athlete's Foot, and Top Shelf Wine & Spirits.

SCC would also like to

extend their gratitude to the amazing group of volunteers; the collaborative efforts of all involved made this event the success it was. Our humble volunteers included friends and families of the following: Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation, Rotary Interact, Marianas Alliance of Non-Governmental Organization, SCC friends Wayne, Nicole, Sam, Saimon, Avery/Ross and 2020 SCC Scholarship recipient Amber Quitano. Special thanks to *Saipan Tribune*, *Marianas Variety*, and KSPN.

SCC extends their gratitude to the 2021 tournament players, for their enthusiasm and support of the SCC Scholarship Program and the sponsors who continue to support SCC and its mission to provide opportunity and advancement for our community through such initiatives. Support of this event will help the Chamber continue to fulfill its mission that all our students should be afforded the opportunity to advance to their full potential with the SCC Scholarships. (PR)

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AMERICAN STANDINGS East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	31	20	.608	—
Boston	30	20	.600	½
New York	28	20	.583	1½
Toronto	24	23	.511	5
Baltimore	17	32	.347	13

Central Division

Chicago	28	20	.583	—
Cleveland	26	21	.553	1½
Kansas City	23	24	.489	4½
Minnesota	20	29	.408	8½
Detroit	19	30	.388	9½

West Division

Oakland	29	22	.569	—
Houston	27	22	.551	1
Seattle	23	27	.460	5½
Los Angeles	22	27	.449	6
Texas	22	29	.431	7

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

New York	22	20	.524	—
Atlanta	24	25	.490	1½
Miami	24	25	.490	1½
Philadelphia	24	26	.480	2
Washington	20	24	.455	3

Central Division

St. Louis	27	22	.551	—
Chicago	26	22	.542	½
Milwaukee	24	25	.490	3
Cincinnati	21	25	.457	4½
Pittsburgh	18	30	.375	8½

West Division

San Diego	32	18	.640	—
Los Angeles	30	19	.612	1½
San Francisco	30	19	.612	1½
Colorado	19	30	.388	12½
Arizona	18	32	.360	14

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time, taking the lead for NMI U18 A in the 2nd minute. Goto followed up in the 11th minute followed by a goal from Borja in the 15th minute.

Merrick Toves landed back-to-back goals in the 21st and 23rd minute before Goto came back for another goal in the 24th minute.

Megino landed 1 of his 2 goals in the 29th minute with Steele following suit moments later, scoring his goal in the 41st minute.

Merrick Toves scored another goal in the 43rd minute before an own goal from the opposing team in the 52nd minute resulted in a score in their favor. Steele landed his final goal in the 58th minute, followed by Borja's last goal in the 62nd minute and Markus Toves' last goal in the 70th minute. Markus Toves managed to land his goal before the end of the game in the 71st minute before Megino closed off the match with a final goal.

Meanwhile, NMI U18 Team A's sister team, NMI U18 B, won a close match against Paire behind Kaden Church and Reginald Pascual who teamed up with two goals each to prevail.

Church's back-to-back goals in the 17th and 19th minute kick-started the team's eventual victory. Pascual followed Church's lead with back-to-back goals in the 20th and 25th minute to gain a 4-0 lead over Paire.

Paire's Jireh Yobech got a goal in the 42nd minute before NMI's Ariel Jr., Narvaez landed another goal in the 58th minute.

In the final few minutes of the match, Paire scrambled to steal the lead from under their foes nearly triumphing with a goal from Eric Barajas in the 62nd minute and back-to-back goals from Ajani Burrell in the 67th and 78th minute to bring the match to a close 5-4 victory in favor of NMI.

In the Kanoa vs. The One battle, Ruselle Zapanta scored the lone goal of the match in the 47th minute with no follow up from their opponent.

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victory over its opponent and the runner-up was Skyliners.

Skyliners consisted of members Tano King II, Jose Manglona, Kyle Cruz, and Mefi Norech.

The most valuable player award for the division was given to Natural's Sir Dela Cruz.

For the U16 champions,

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and 100m courses.

The Torchbearer bested the competition in the 400m event with a time of 56:23, then again in the 200m event, making it to the finish line at 25:10. He added a third gold medal to his collection when he finished first in the 100m with a time of 12:12.

Hall took home the MVP award in the boys 14U division with a grand total of 44 points for winning a gold medal in the 200m event with a time of 26:14. On top of that, he earned a silver medal in the 400m event with a time of 1:04:27.

Skyliners took home the championship via a 16-12 victory over Lasso.

U16 runner-up, Lasso, consisted of members Collin Dela Cruz, Cody Dela Cruz, Ezra Santos, and Raiden Reyes.

Skyliners' Jose Manglona was named the top scorer for the division. while Tano King II was awarded the MVP award.

The ladies division's champ

Savita Sikkell, Lina Tsukagoshi, Wataru Kadokura, Min Seoung Kim, Andy Kim, Serin Chung, Jimin Woo, Hyejin Elliot, Jun Wang, David Kwon, Quido Jambor, Ki Won Lee, Stephen Yeom, Henry Yeom, Eamon Tang, Yutaka Kadokura, and Hannah Chae.

Last year, NMITA was able to complete the two-weekend

tournament and was halfway through the fourth competition (the inaugural Bridge Capital Tennis Classic) of the 2019-2020 season when the pandemic hit the islands and the rest of the world, forcing the cancelation of the remaining events of the year, including the North Pacific Regional Championships in Guam and the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji.

was the Shooters which includes Sydney Hinds, Emiliana King, Isa Long, and Cielo Long, after taking a 16-10 win over the Lady Typhoons.

The members of the Lady Typhoons were Colleen Cing, Isa Reyes, Anissa Dela Cruz, and Pritzel Carreon.

Shooters' Emiliana King was named both the MVP and top scorer of the division.

According to Nabors, the association thanks its sponsors including the Department of Community and Cultural affairs, Division of Youth Services, Community Guidance Center-Healthy Transitions office, Tinian Health Center, Tinian Legislative Delegation, Tinian Mayor's Office, Pacific Supply, and a number of other individuals who made the event possible.

ing the course in 16:67

Rayphand recorded the fastest times for the 100m championship qualifier and the 200m qualifier, putting him on top. In the 100m, he submitted a time of 16:53 and in the 200m, he came in at 37:06.

Lenteja gained 54 points overall after dominating the 200m, 100m, and the 60m events in the girls 12U division. She recorded a time of 31:43 in the 200m, followed by a time of 15:69 in the 100m, and in the 60m, she came out on top with a time of 9:50.

Sikkell and Camacho tied for MVP after conquering four events each out of the eight events during the 12U championships.

Sikkell topped the boys

1,500m event, the 800m event, the 400m event, the 200m event, while Camacho topped the softball throw, the long jump, the 100m event, and the 60m event.

For the 1,500m, Sikkell recorded a time of 6:25, followed by a time of 2:51 in the 800m. For the 400m race, Sikkell completed the course in just 1:04 before topping the 200m event in 28:37.

Camacho, on the other hand, recorded a distance of 40.45m in the softball throw and 4.08m in the long jump, before coasting past foes in the 100m race with a time of 14:02. Finally, he bagged his fourth gold medal with a time of 8:76 in the 60m event.



Mitchell nets 25, Jazz overcome Morant, Grizzlies, 141-129

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MPU ends TanHoldings' win streak



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
An MP United Football Club player, left, stays close on defense against a TanHoldings FC player during their game in Division A of the M-League Spring 2021 last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center.

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Undefeated no more. MP United denied TanHoldings' bid for an undefeated season after taking a 2-0 victory in their Division A game of the M-League Spring 2021 season last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.



Leading up to the face-off between TanHoldings and MP United last weekend, TanHoldings held a win-loss record of 9-1-0 with one game ending in a draw. During last Sunday's match, MP United's Kuu Nishimura and Sunjoon Tenorio worked together to strip TanHoldings

of their undefeated standing after scoring two goals each.

Nishimura took the lead for MP United in the 22nd minute, while Tenorio delivered the final blow in the 73rd minute with his goal.

Also winning their respective matches in Division A last weekend were NMI U18 Team A, NMI U18 Team B, and Kanoa.

In the match pitting NMI

U18 Team A against Old B Bank, the latter crushed its opponent with a 15-0 victory led by Merrick Toves who landed 5 of the team's 15 goals with plenty of help from Kohtaro Goto, Philip Megino, Richard Steele, and Taka Borja who contributed 2 goals each, and Markus Toves who added 1.

Merrick Toves wasted no

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Top athletes of PSS/McDonald's All Schools awarded

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Northern Marianas Athletics, the Public School System, and McDonald's awarded the top athletes of the 2021 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championships that concluded over a week ago at the Oleai Track and Field.

Last Tuesday, NMA, PSS, and McDonald's distributed medals to the MVPs in the 9U, 12U, 14U, and 18U divisions of the Athletics Championships at the Oleai Track and Field.

Medals were handed out to Mount Carmel School's Andrei Kaithlyn Chavez, Grace Christian School's Jasper Hall, Saipan International School's Tiana Cabrera, Beatrice Gross, and Jude Rayphand, Agape Christian School's Eason Tang, Tinian Elementary School's Ysabella Lenteja, and Brilliant Star School's Moshe Sikkell and Aiden Camacho.

Chavez gained the season's MVP award for the girls 14U division with the highest accumulated score

for topping all her championship events. The Lady Knight managed a total score of 70 points for dominating the 3,000m, 1,500m, 800m, 400m, and 200m events.

In the 3,000m course, Chavez finished with a time of 13:15, followed by a time of 5:50:43 in the 1,500m race. The Lady Knight moved on to conquer the 800m with a time of 2:52:14, the 400m event at 1:06:64, and finally the 200m race with a time of 29:46.

For the girls 18U division, Cabrera gained the MVP award with a total score of 48 points after gaining gold medals in the 3,000m and 1,500m events. Cabrera won the gold medal in the 3,000m run, coming in first with a time of 13:07, and grabbed her second gold medal in the 1,500m after finishing first with a time of 5:46:3.

Meanwhile in the boys 18U division, Tang was named MVP with a total of 54 points for gaining gold medals in the 400m, 200m,

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DYS, Typhoon Sports host first basketball tourney

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The Division of Youth Services, in collaboration with Typhoon Sports Association and the Community Guidance Center's Healthy Transitions Office, held an inaugural basketball tournament last week which saw the participation of dozens of teens on Tinian.

According to Typhoon Sports Association's Keith Nabors, the tournament aims to spread awareness on child abuse.

"We have actually been planning this with the team for a while. We were just waiting on the clearance to use the gym. And when that finally went through, we grabbed our partners and put together [this tournament] for the kids to bring awareness to child abuse and neglect and also as apart of



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Tinian Mental Health Awareness month activities," he said.

Last Thursday, May 20, and Friday, May 21, Natural, Skyliners, and Shooters topped the very first tournament of its kind on Tinian.

During the tournament, there were two team divisions, U20 and U16. In the U20 division, seven teams,

including Skyliners, Natural, Triple Double, Balas, Lasso, Lady Typhoon, and Shooterz, went head-to-head for the championship.

Meanwhile, in the U16 division, four teams faced off for a chance at the inaugural championship including Skyliners, Lasso, Lady Typhoon, and Shooterz. For the

ladies division, there were only two teams that participated, Lady Typhoon and Shooterz.

The champion for U20 was Natural, which consisted of players Robert John Reyes II, Sir Dela Cruz, and John Mark Palilio. The team took a 18-16

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